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FATEFUL HITLER WAR COUNCIL

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler yesterday dashed back to Berlin from Berchtesgaden to take immediate charge of the momentous events expected in the immediate future.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, the Air Minister, was waiting to welcome Hitler at the Chancellery, and a small crowd cheered as his personal standard was run up on the roof.

Later, the Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, landed at Tempelhof aerodrome and drove straight to see Hitler.

It is understood that all Hitler's Ministers and the General Staff chiefs who are in Berlin were instructed to come round to the Chancellery in the evening.

The "war council" was expected to last till late.

BRITISH EMBASSY PACKING UP

Activity in the Wilhelmstrasse is tremendous, and German Ministers are continually coming and going, while the British Embassy is packing up and sorting out papers.

Germany and Soviet Russia are spoken of as "two great East European powers" in last night's first comments on the signing of the Berlin-Moscow pact.

"Der Angriff" writes that Russia and Germany alone will solve questions in the realm in which both have vital rights.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler, Herr von Ribbentrop (Foreign Minister) and Field-Marshal Goering (Air Minister) have been in conference since 7 o'clock last evening, and German military chiefs are also believed to be present.

The opinion is generally expressed that Germany's decision regarding Poland has been made and is on the point of being carried out.

The conference was still in progress at 12.30 this morning.

It is confirmed that General Brauchitsch (commander-in-chief of the army) and Admiral Raeder (commander-in-chief of the navy) are attending, and undoubtedly other high military officers are also present at the meeting, which may turn out to be the most fateful conference of the year.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ACTING ALONE

Washington, To-day.

The message by President Roosevelt to the Italian King was sent without previous consultation between the U.S. Government and other States. Mr. Cordell Hull declared at the press conference yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN TROOP MOVEMENTS

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DESPERATE ROOSEVELT EFFORT TO SAVE PEACE: THREE METHODS SUGGESTED

Washington, To-day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has made dramatic direct appeals to President Mosckicki of Poland and Herr Hitler to preserve peace and has suggested three methods of avoiding war —

Firstly, by direct negotiation;

Secondly, by submission of their controversy to impartial arbitration, and

Thirdly, agreement to adopt a procedure of conciliation and to select a conciliator or moderator.—Reuter.

In the meantime, Poland has ordered general mobilisation and Warsaw is thronged with troops on their way to various fronts, German troops are moving up to the Polish borders, and Europe awaits anxiously on the steps which are being decided upon at Hitler's "war council" at the Chancellery.

German reports from Danzig that Poland has ordered general mobilisation is confirmed by the "last members of the German minority who managed to rescue themselves into the territory of the Free City."

All men up to the age of 42 have been called to the Colours, including the group which consists of men who, at the last examination, were found to be of limited fitness for military service.

WOODS CUT DOWN

On the Danzig frontier, it is reported that last night all woods near Strebliindl were cut down. The wood has been used for the construction of dug-outs and trenches.

In the vicinity of Rebnau, troops have been seen feverishly digging trenches.

Tank traps in and around Gdynia have been covered with roofing felt so as to make them invisible to enemy planes.

Polish subjects of military age resident in Danzig have been called to the Colours. The "hermetically closed" Polish frontier was partly opened for the purpose of letting them into Poland.

Dock-workers were called to collecting stations directly from work yesterday morning, so that the load-

ing and unloading of ships is meeting with considerable difficulty.

Railway transports destined for Danzig were held back on the frontier by the Polish guards.

War preparations (says the German report from Danzig) have resulted in increased nervousness in the popula-

MOBILISATION IN HOLLAND

The Hague, To-day.

The Netherlands Government yesterday afternoon ordered partial mobilisation. The order has been publicly posted throughout the country.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN LINERS HELD BACK

Rome, To-day.

The Italian liners, "Conti Di Savoia" and "Augustus," which were to leave Genoa yesterday for North and South America, respectively, postponed their departure.—Trans-Ocean.

tion of Gdynia "which is manifesting itself in outrages against the last few remaining German residents."—Trans-Ocean.



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JAPAN MAY REDUCE TERMS

PEACE TALK AROUSSED IN FAR EAST

Peiping, To-day.

Coincident within the "peace statement" of General Yamada, Japanese commander-in-chief in Central China, in Shanghai, there is considerable peace talk in high Chinese and Japanese circles here, according to well-informed Chinese.

This is not caused by the European events but has probably been accelerated by them.

Sources declare that the younger officer group, regarded as extremists, are losing some of their influence to the older officers, and another source very close to the "provisional government" expressed the belief that the older generals are "willing to lower their price to talk peace."—Reuter.

JAPAN NOT CONSULTED BY NAZIS

Tokyo, To-day.

"Japan was not consulted beforehand in connection with the German-Soviet pact," declared the Premier, Baron Hiranuma, to the Japanese Cabinet Council yesterday, according to the Domei news agency.

Herr von Ribbentrop (the Nazi Foreign Minister), before his departure for Moscow, informed the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Oshima, that in view of the negotiations for a military pact between Britain, France and Russia, and the tense situation in Danzig, Germany had no alternative but to conclude a non-aggression pact with the Soviet.

Baron Hiranuma added that Japan now faced the necessity of dealing with the international situation from her own independent viewpoint.—Reuter.

NAZIS ALLEGE POLISH COUP PLAN

Berlin, To-day.

It is suggested by the German news agency reports from Warsaw that Polish military action against Danzig is imminent.

It is stated in German political circles that the declarations of British statesmen last evening have made a "negative impression" in Berlin.

Meanwhile, the last British newsmen in Berlin have left for Copenhagen.—Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS MOVING UNDER COVER OF HUGE PROHIBITED AIR ZONE

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

UNDER COVER OF THE HUGE PROHIBITED AREA FOR AIRCRAFT IN EAST GERMANY, MANY LAST-MINUTE TROOP MOVEMENTS ARE BEING PERFECTED.

From a very well-informed non-German military source, Reuter learns that the German tactics in the event of an invasion of Poland would be the following:

The main concentrations of troops are in East Prussia, where ten or eleven divisions are assembled, including the famous 1st Army Corps. It is understood that these troops would advance down the eastern bank of the Vistula.

Two other big concentrations are said to be in Pomerania, opposite Gdynia and near Breslau. The former would march straight across to Danzig and the second would come up in a north-easterly direction south of Poland.

There are perhaps 22 or 23 German divisions now round the Polish frontiers, and reserve divisions are being organised and brought up with remarkable frequency and efficiency.—Reuter.

FIRST BORDER CLASH.

Berlin, To-day.

The first serious frontier clash occurred last night, according to the

German news agency, in the district of Makosha, near Hindenburg, in Upper Silesia.

Polish guards are alleged to have crossed into German territory, and German frontier officials opened fire upon the Poles refusing to return.

The Poles replied, and one man on each side was seriously wounded.

The message adds that the "incident has evoked much indignation among the population."

Reuter's Warsaw Correspondent says that an atmosphere of distinct excitement prevailed in Warsaw last night but there was no trace of panic.

The streets were full of military cars, lorries and taxis taking reservists to the railway station.

In all cafes, soldiers were to be seen having farewell drinks with their friends, while officers dined with relatives in restaurants.

MORE RESERVISTS

Meanwhile, three more classes of reservists, aged 26 to 28, have been hurriedly called up, and specialists are being called to the age of 40.

Altogether 600,000 men are believed to be affected.

Members of the German Embassy staff are packing.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

Anti-aircraft guns appeared on the roofs of prominent buildings in Berlin yesterday, and some brand-new models were taken through the streets in the morning.

Otherwise the city exhibits few signs of being on the verge of war.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

The military have taken full control in Polish Upper Silesia.

They have ordered all hospitals to be evacuated and held ready for army use, while emergency hospitals have been established.

All schools and assembly halls are being used for billeting troops.

Transport vehicles are continuously pouring into the frontier zone. All privately-owned cars and motorcycles have been requisitioned.

Trenches are being dug everywhere behind the main fortifications, on which thousands are engaged in strengthening and supplementing. Families are being moved into the

GERMAN DEPARTURES FROM HONG KONG

THE GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN HONG KONG TO-DAY DENIED REPORTS THAT GERMAN NATIONALS IN THE COLONY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE THE COLONY.

The Consul-General stated to the "China Mail" that the departure of Germans yesterday from the Colony was due to the warning and advice given by the Hong Kong Government and that those who left, or contemplate leaving, were acting on their own initiative.

interior and trains to Cracow and Warsaw are crowded.

DANZIG ISOLATED

Traffic between Danzig and Poland has been almost completely interrupted.

Ships moving down the Vistula to Danzig are being stopped at Dirschau.

Danzig cut off telephone communications with Poland yesterday morning.

Poland thereupon closed the frontier to which Danzig responded by trying to hold Polish shipping. One steamer refused to submit to control and proceeded to Gdynia.—Trans-Ocean.

DANGER THREATENING

Berlin, To-day.

Special editions of Berlin newspapers last night unanimously stressed in huge headlines "Danger is Threatening," explaining that an attack on Danzig by the Poles must now be expected immediately.

"Lokalanzeiger" points out that Poland is fond of coup d'etats, as shown last September when Poland occupied the Olsa district, and by the Polish invasion of Lithuania.

More and more serious reports on the situation on the Polish-Danzig frontier have not been able to create a feeling of nervousness in the Reich capital but have had the effect of hardening the German attitude.

BRITAIN CRITICISED

Von Ribbentrop, the Reich Foreign Minister, is said to have been received by Der Fuehrer at 10 p.m. yesterday and a large crowd has assembled outside the Chancellery and with them all Berlin is waiting with the greatest attention for a communique on the conversation.

The speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax in the House of Commons yesterday are sharply criticised in Berlin because "instead of advising the Poles to exercise moderation both statesmen had given new support to Polish chauvinism which is manifesting itself at the moment in military measures against Danzig and outrages against members of the German minority."—Trans-Ocean.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



"Isn't it awful, the propaganda we have to put up with?"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

ROOSEVELT MAKES A STIRRING DIRECT APPEAL TO THE KING OF ITALY

Washington, To-day.

"AGAIN A CRISIS in world affairs makes clear the responsibility of the heads of nations for the fate of their own people, and indeed humanity itself," says President Roosevelt in a message to the King of Italy.

"It is my belief, and of the American people, that your Majesty and your Government can greatly influence averting an outbreak of war.

"We in America often find it difficult to visualise the animosities which have often created a crisis among the nations of Europe, but we accept the fact that these nations have an absolute right to maintain their national independence if they so desire.

"If that be a sound doctrine then it must apply to the weaker as well as to the stronger nations.

"Acceptance of this means peace because fear of aggression ends.

"The alternative, which means efforts by the strong to dominate the weak, will lead not only to war but to long future years of oppression on the part of the victors and rebellion on the part of the vanquished — so history teaches."

ITALY ASKED TO TRY

President Roosevelt referred to his suggestion of April 14 for an understanding against aggression to be followed by discussions to seek relief from the burden of armaments and

open the avenues of international trade, and also discussions on political and territorial problems.

He added: "Were it possible for Your Majesty's Government to formulate proposals for a pacific solution of the present crisis along these lines, you are assured of the earnest sympathy of the United States.

CHRISTIAN IDEALS

"The Governments of Italy and the United States can to-day advance those ideals of Christianity which lately seem so often to have been obscured.

"The unheard voices of countless millions of human beings ask that they not be vainly sacrificed again." — Reuter.

POPE ALSO MAKES PLEA FOR PEACE

Vatican City, To-day.

Speaking firmly, and often with deep emotion, His Holiness the Pope yesterday addressed a peace appeal to the rulers and peoples of Europe.

His Holiness said: "Danger is imminent but there is still time. Nothing is lost with peace but all would be lost with war.

"To-day, when tension seems to have reached such a pitch that we fear the outbreak of the tremendous whirlwind of war, we make to rulers and peoples our warmest appeal — to the former that they may lay aside threats and arms and try to revolve the present difficulties by the only suitable method, namely considered agreements, and to the latter that they may encourage the peaceful initiative of their government.

"It is with the force of reason, and not with that of arms, that justice advances. Let men under-

ROOSEVELT NOT APPROACHING HITLER

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Mr. Cordell Hull, stated yesterday that no copy of President Roosevelt's appeal to the King of Italy was being sent directly to the German Government.

One Washington official is quoted as saying that in effect, President Roosevelt's message asserted the "absolute right" of Poland to maintain her independence if she so desired. — Reuter.

stand one another again and start negotiating.

HONOURABLE SUCCESS

"In negotiating with goodwill and respect for reciprocal rights they will realise that peaceful negotiations never exclude honourable success.

"In supplicating the strong and the powerful, we have with us the whole of humanity, which looks for bread and freedom rather than for the sword which kills and destroys." — Reuter.

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS APPEALED TO BOTH HITLER AND THE POLISH PRESIDENT TO PRESERVE PEACE. — REUTER.

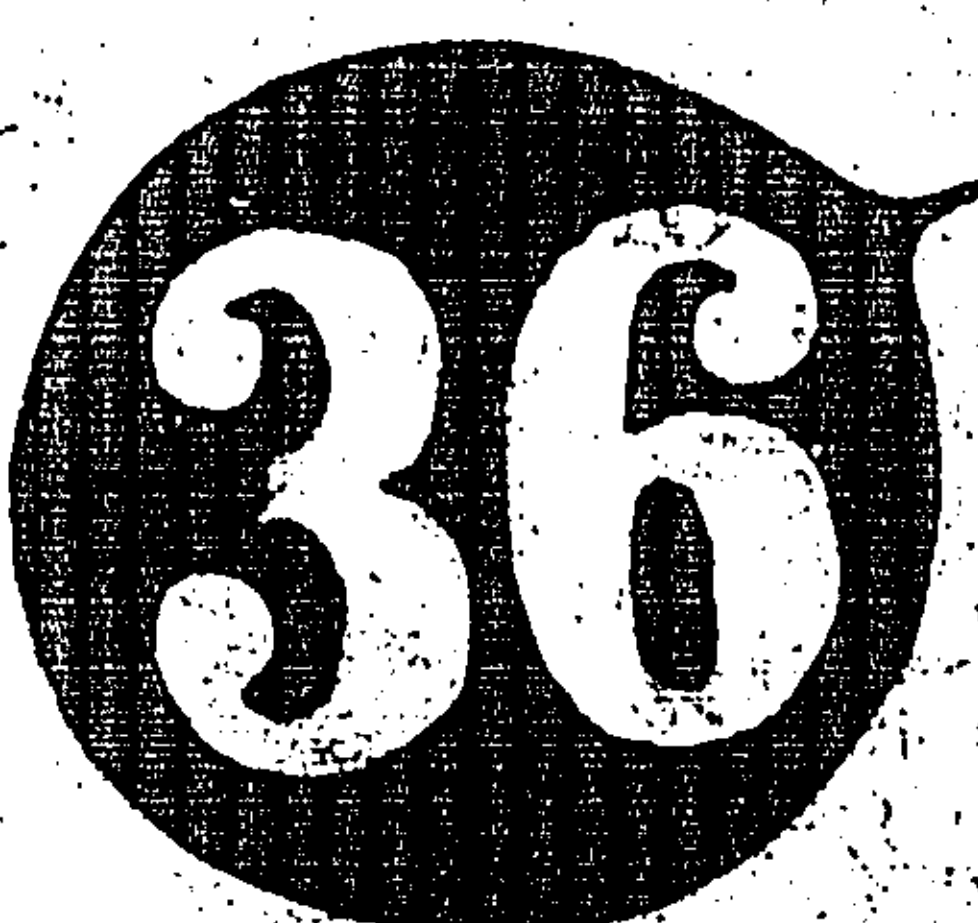


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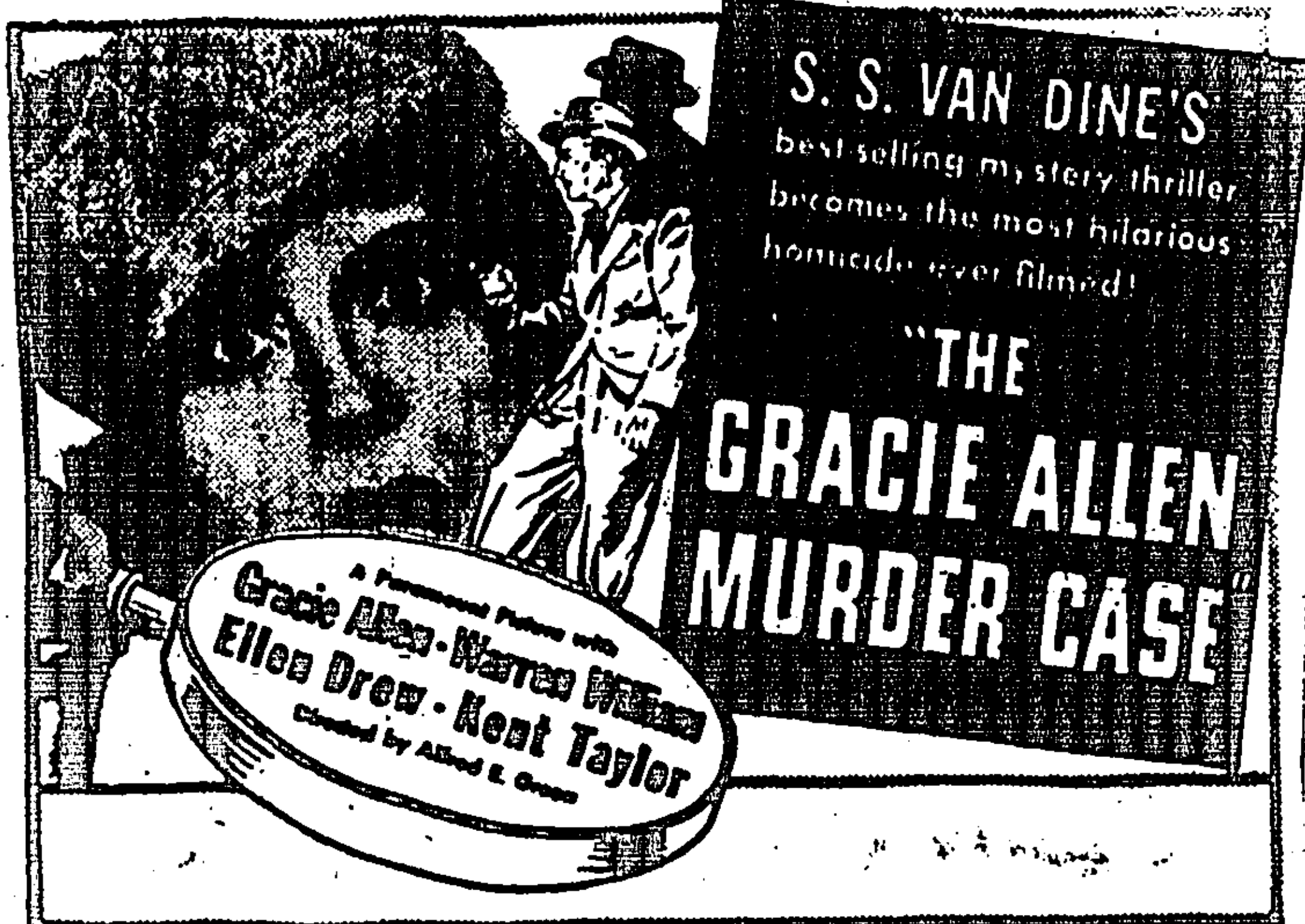
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THREAT TO DANZIG**

Berlin, To-day.

"CERTAIN MILITARY quarters in Poland are apparently determined," the official German news agency reported at midnight last night, "under certain circumstances to act on their own initiative."

It is to be feared, says D.N.B., that a coup on Danzig will be launched at any moment.

In the frontier regions of east Upper Silesia and in the Corridor zone, the agency continues, mobilization is in full progress. All day long, motorized units drove through Kattowitz in the direction of the German frontier.

All lorries in the town were requisitioned by the Army in Pomerania and in the vicinity of Konitz Posen fortifications have been erected by the Polish troops.

On the Kattowitz-Gdynia railway line troops are continuously being transported to the Danzig frontier, the German agency continues.

In Posen, too, mobilization is governing the life of the town. All hotels have been reserved for the Army and here, too, all lorries have been requisitioned.—Trans-Ocean.

**POLISH DIVISION ROUND
DANZIG, SAYS GERMAN
NEWS REPORT**

Danzig, To-day.

It is reported in Danzig that the zone has been surrounded by a mixed Polish division, consisting of the infantry regiment 53 from Zlotow, the infantry regiment 55 from Lissa, the infantry regiment 65 and artillery regiment 16 from Graudenz.

This concentration in the immediate vicinity of Danzig territory "causes the gravest fear of a Polish Coup d'etat" on Danzig in the very near future.—Trans-Ocean.

**FORGED NOTE CASE
ALLEGATIONS**

An additional charge of unlawful possession of two \$5 forged "Bank of China" notes was this morning preferred against Sham Yan-cheung, 41, when he and Cheung Yuen, 24, were before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon.

They were originally charged with possession of a metal plate and four glass plates for making forged notes of the Bank of China.

They were remanded for one week and the hearing was fixed for September 13.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ will appear for second accused.

They were allowed \$5,000 bail.

FOREIGNERS FINED

Mrs. L. A. Lewis, of No. 517, The Peak, was summoned before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for allowing her dog abroad without a muzzle in Stubbs Road at about 6.15 p.m. on August 11.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

Mr. H. Schmidt, residing at No. 11, Conduit Road, was fined a similar sum, for allowing his dog on the beach at Big Wave Bay on August 7.

Lt. B. A. Fargos, of Murray Barracks, lost his motor car from the Barracks, some time between Wednesday and yesterday.

**WAYWARD
BOYS TELL
OF SNAKES
IN A CAVE**

Fear of snakes made three local boys, who ran away from home, wander aimlessly on the hills on Cheung Chau Island throughout Wednesday night.

They were the two American lads, Victor Neil Broadus, 12, and his younger brother, 11-year-old David Thomas Broadus, and Ling Shek-ming, who after being reported missing from home, were found on the beach on Cheung Chau Island yesterday and brought back to Hong Kong at 10 p.m.

This morning David told the "China Mail" representative:

"We left home intending to go to Cheung Chau but missed the 2.30 ferry. We caught the next ferry and landed at Cheung Chau at about 7.30 p.m. We first called on a friend of ours at Mrs. M. Rankin's bungalow and then went to a cave in one of the hillsides. We visited the cave before when our parents took us to the island.

"We remained in the cave only for a little while because of the snakes. We were so scared that we wandered about the hills the whole night.

"The next morning we went for a swim. At about 11 a.m. the police found us on the beach and took us to the police station where we were kept until our parents arrived from Kowloon.

"We are very sorry for the worry we caused. We ran away because we thought our parents too strict and severe. We now know better."

The "China Mail" learns that Mrs. Rankin was responsible for locating the boys. Yesterday she read they were missing and immediately went to the Police Station informing them of the call of the boys the night previously.

RICE FAMINE

Shanghai, To-day.

The rice famine continues. The price soared higher yesterday and closed at \$50 per picul. — Our Own Correspondent.

LORD HALIFAX'S BROADCAST TO THE NATION

London, To-day.
THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, Lord Halifax, broadcast a statement on the international situation to the nation from Downing Street last evening. Lord Halifax said: "Of the general attitude of Poland it must be admitted that in the face of a campaign which appears to threaten not only their independence but also the existence of Poland as a nation, the declarations of Polish leaders have been firm but quiet and not provocative."

"I have confidence that they have been, and are at all times, ready to discuss the differences between them and Germany if they could be reasonably certain that the discussion would take place under free conditions, without the menace of force and with an assurance that the results of the discussion would be loyally and permanently observed."

"The problem itself therefore ought not to be incapable of settlement. The real difficulty springs from much deeper causes."

"Throughout their history the British people have always felt bound to oppose attempts by one power to dominate Europe at the expense of others."

NO DIFFERENCE

"After the events therefore in the earlier part of the year, which had shaken all confidence, we tried to make it clear by word and deed that we were prepared to assist those countries which felt their independence immediately threatened, and were ready to defend their freedom."

Referring to the Russo-German pact, Lord Halifax said: "It can make no difference to the undertaking given by His Majesty's Government to Poland, to which no condition was attached as to an agreement with Russia."

"His Majesty's Government therefore lost no time, as soon as they heard of this, in making their position absolutely plain."

"It is not the British way to go back on obligations."

"We have never had and have not to-day the remotest intention of attacking Germany."

MUST BE CERTAINTY

"If German policy could only be directed to restoring European confidence by a willingness to settle differences by negotiation, and was not based to the extent it seems to be upon a plan of trying to settle differences by force, we should ask nothing better, as we have said more than once, than to work with Germany and to help her resolve her difficulties and our own, and all problems of the world that need solution, but if the misunderstanding between Germany and Great Britain is to be removed, I repeat there must be some certainty about the future of Europe, and that is why we feel obliged to resist the attempt to alter the map of Europe by constant appeals to force."

—Reuter.

Lord Halifax said: "Now that the possibility of conflict again exists, the Government has taken steps to declare their attitude not only to the world but in a special message to Herr Hitler."

BRITISH VIEWPOINT

"No doubt therefore can anywhere exist that we mean to fulfil the obligations which we have assumed."

"May I state quite simply what I believe is the British point of view."

"Some little time ago it was my duty to state the twin foundations of purpose on which British policy rests."

BRITONS LEAVING BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

British families are packing and besieging the travel agencies, where there is a tremendous run on tickets for abroad.

The British Embassy is the scene of feverish activity instead of the usual dignified calm.

Secretaries in shirt-sleeves have been working day and night for 48 hours in order to keep abreast of the work.

The British Consulate is thronged with enquirers.

Berlin is sweltering under a heat wave and the sunny streets do not reflect the international tension. — Reuter.

"The first is a determination to resist force because we have learned how destructive it is to any sense of security."

"The second is a desire, which is felt the world over, to get on with the constructive work of building peace."

APPEAL TO REASON

"But we cannot do this until the gospel of force has been abandoned. The adjustment of differences by negotiation has been undermined."

"I would earnestly hope that in the face of all the consequences of resort to force, and before any step is taken which cannot be retraced, reason may yet prevail."

Lord Halifax mentioned the peace appeals by King Leopold of the Belgians, President Roosevelt and the Pope, and concluded:

"In this moment of anxiety I feel certain that the ground on which His Majesty's Government is determined to take their stand will meet with the unanimous approval of our people."

"I have no sort of doubt that His Majesty's Government can rely on the support of the whole country in any measures that it may be obliged to take to defend the cause of just dealing between nations and to preserve the place of honourable freedom in the world." — Reuter.

SOBER EXAMINATION

London, To-day.

Nobody in England, said Lord Halifax, wished to defend conditions which meant the suppression of a minority. But if complaints existed in this respect, they should not be worked up in a way which made settlement a hundred times more difficult, but should be examined soberly.

Britain would most willingly co-operate with the Reich if it was prepared to settle difficulties by conference.

Britain must, however, have certain guarantees as to the future of Europe. She felt compelled, therefore, to resist any attempts to alter the map of Europe by force. — Trans-Ocean.

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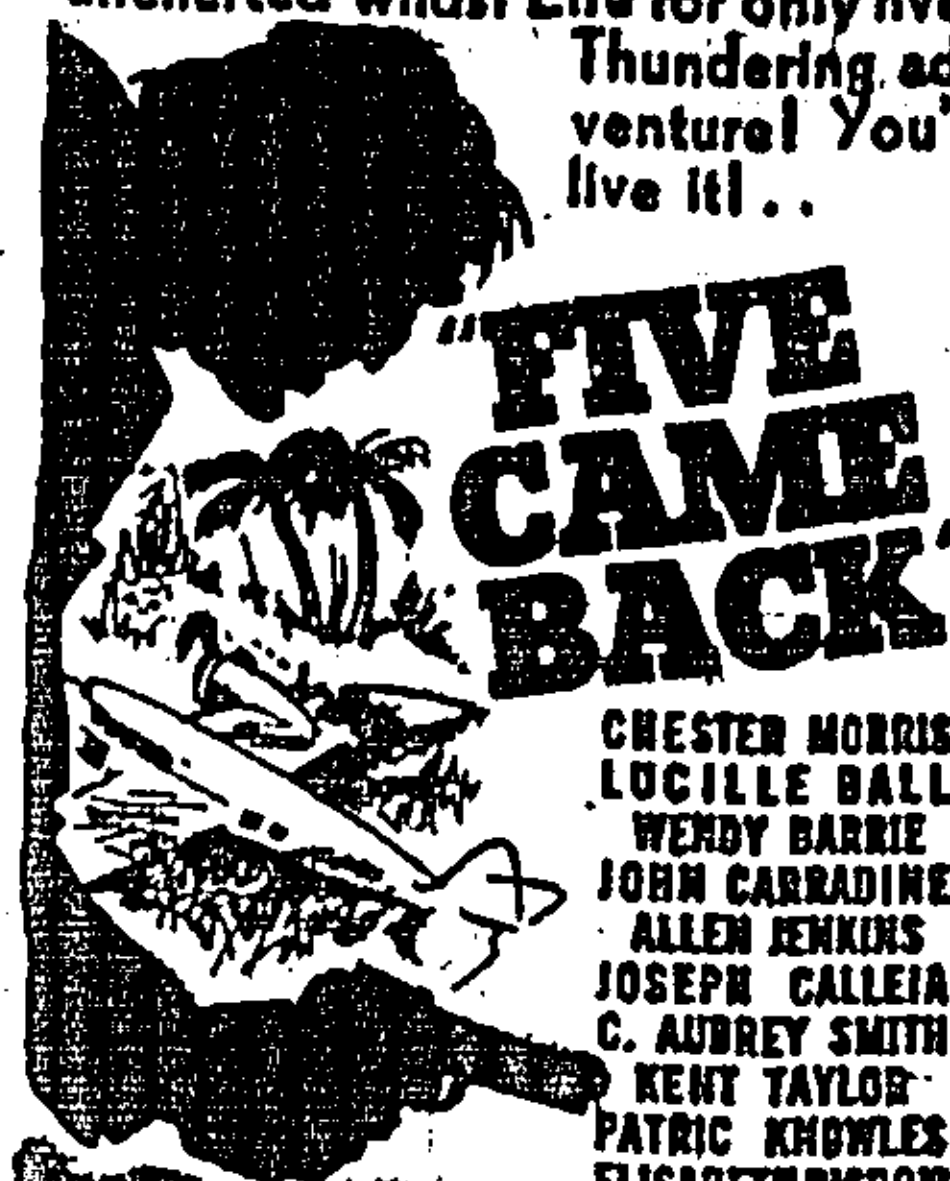
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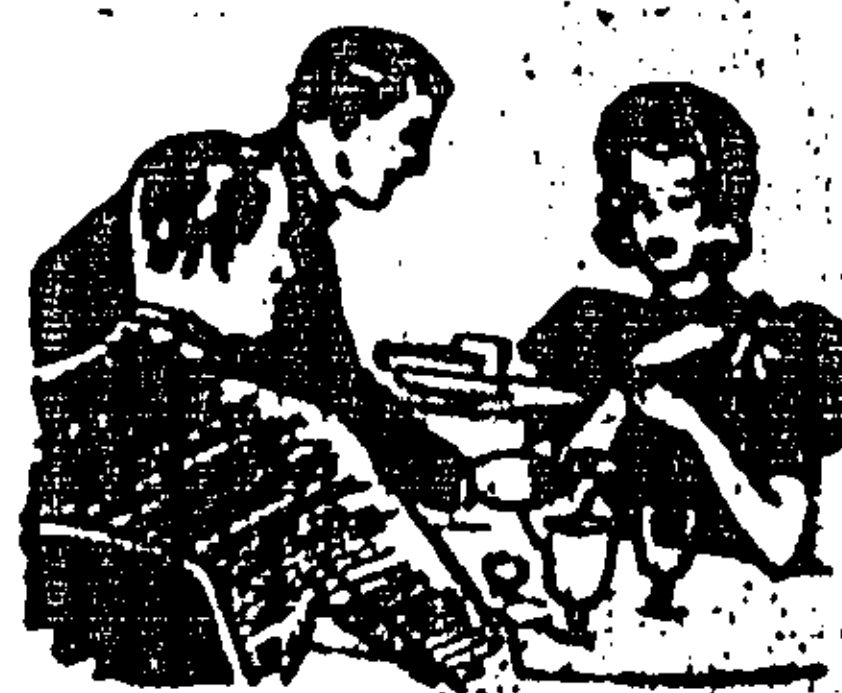
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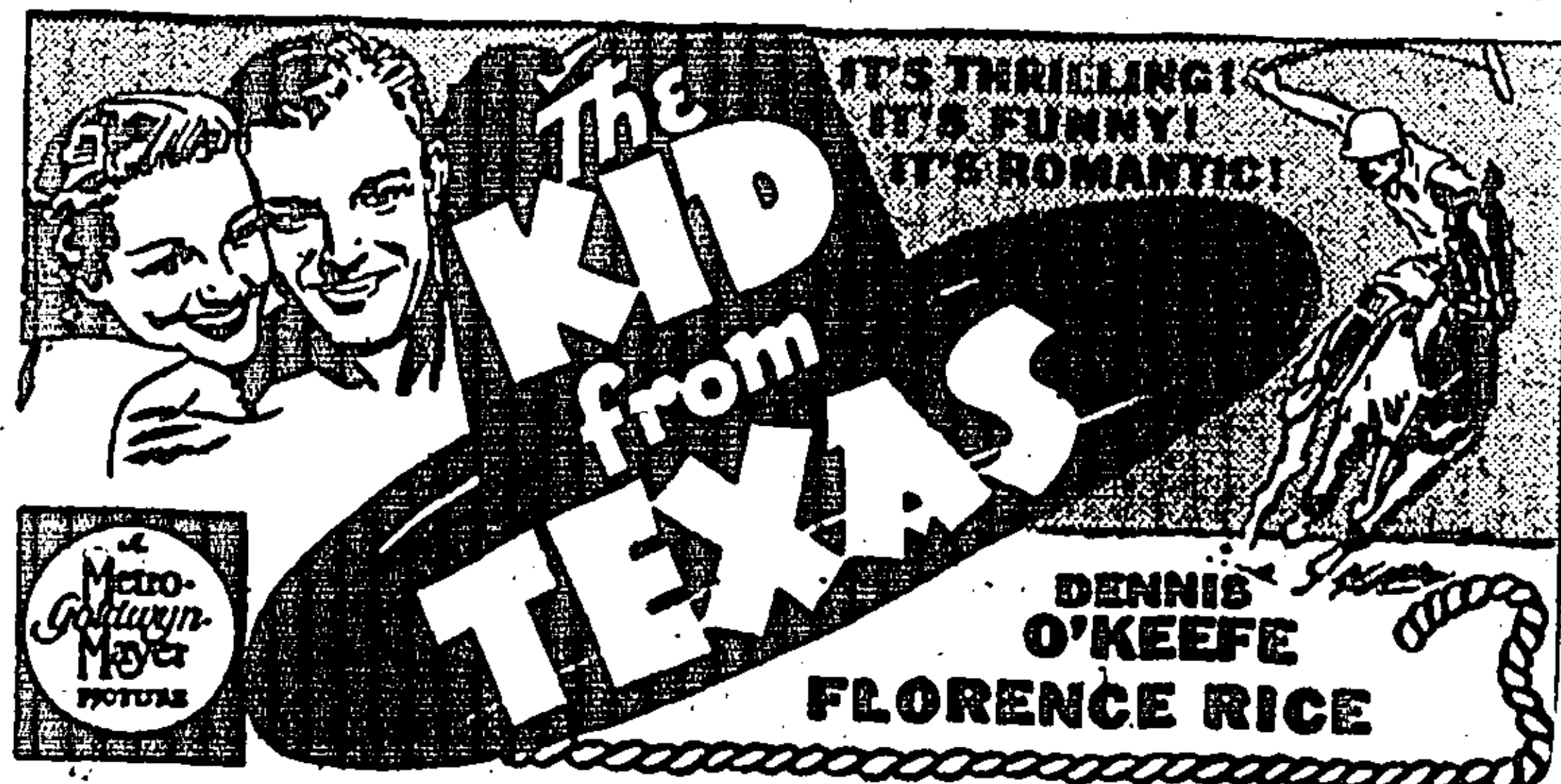
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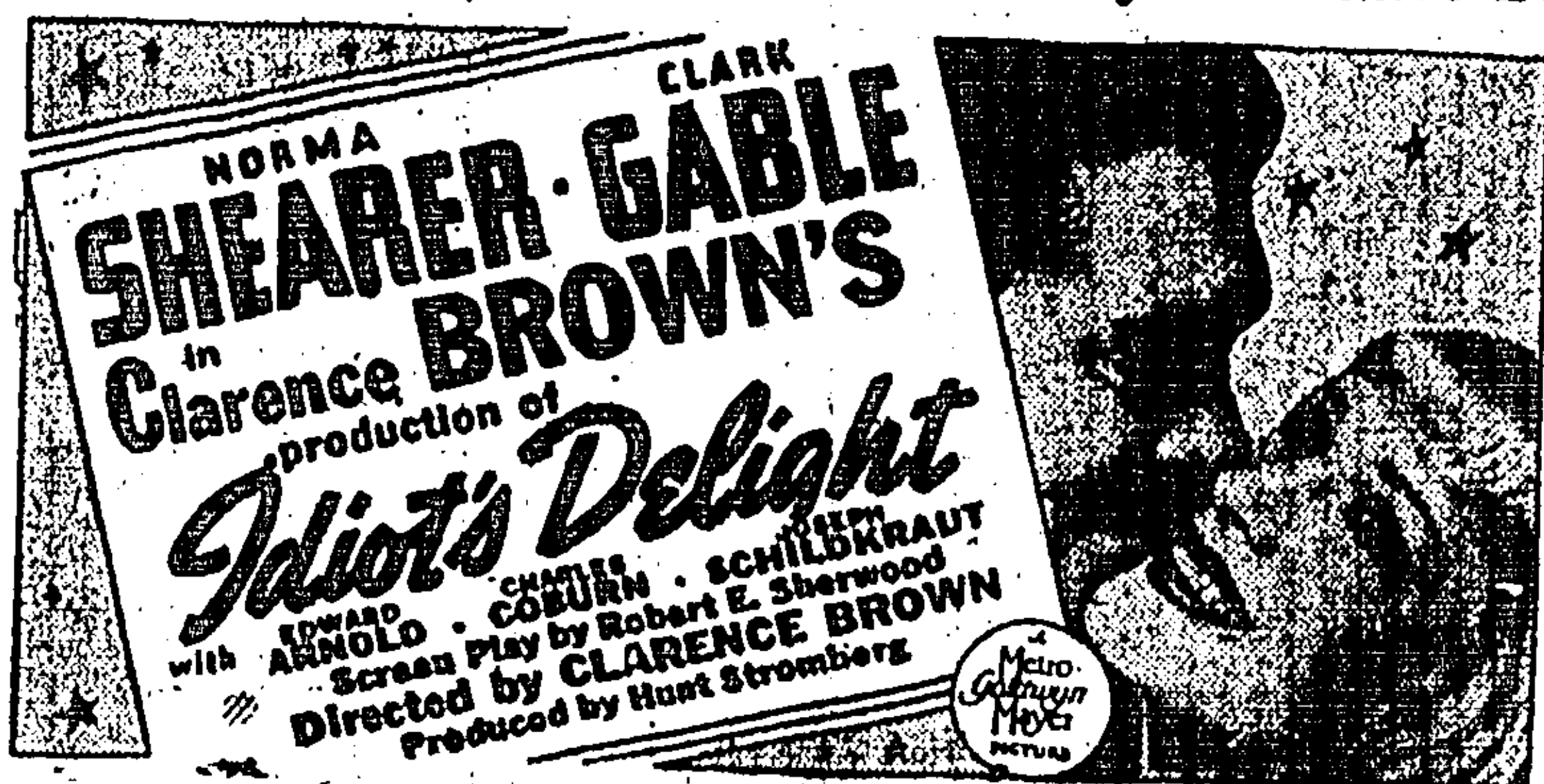
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REWARD OFFERED

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the Hong Kong Police for the arrest and conviction of the assailant who shot and killed Shun Shung, nephew of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, ex-bellied Kuomintang leader.

The murder occurred at about 9 p.m. last Tuesday near the "China Mail" offices in Wyndham Street.

The funeral takes place this afternoon.

ROBBERY CHARGE

The man who was alleged to have attacked and robbed Mrs. Emily Wood in Kowloon Tong on Monday afternoon, was this morning again brought before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon and charged with highway robbery with violence.

Another week's formal remand was granted to the police.

For anchoring their sampans within 100 yards of Stonecutters Island at 9.10 a.m. yesterday, four sampan owners were this morning fined \$5 or

"WE ARE NOT YET AT WAR"

BUT, PROSPECT WILL EMERGE IN A FEW DAYS, OR WEEKS

London, To-day.

THE ONE DISCORDANT NOTE in the House of Commons debate yesterday afternoon was provided by Mr. James Maxton, leader of the Independent Labour Party.

Mr. Maxton declared that the I.L.P. would not support war.

The next speaker, Mr. Anthony Eden, declared that Mr. Maxton was not alone in hating war, but experience had shown that however far we might go to meet demands, the result was more domination and more ruthless demands.

HALIFAX STATEMENT IN LORDS

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords, where the galleries were packed, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, yesterday afternoon made a statement on similar lines to that of Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

Lord Halifax said: "In regard to the German minority, I would say this. Every country must be concerned to secure just treatment for minorities and must naturally feel particularly interested in minorities allied to it by race."

"No one in this country would wish to defend conditions under which such treatment is denied to any minority section."

"But if causes for complaint exist, let them not be made the ground for such embitterment of the atmosphere as must make any settlement a hundred times more difficult, but let them fairly and dispassionately be brought to examination so that before the public opinion of the world some ground may be established for their consideration and redress."

"MOST BRAVE"

Lord Snell (Labour) described Lord Halifax's statement as "most brave," and said the Labour Party was only concerned that no words would be used which would give any sort of comfort to those who were hoping to see in England a disunited people.—Reuter.

PRESSURE ON STERLING

New York, To-day.

Pressure put on forward Sterling on the New York foreign exchange market yesterday, especially on near-by months, was intensified in the afternoon coincident with rumours of impending drastic restrictions on the London foreign exchange market.

Discount is the widest since Britain suspended the gold standard.

Weakness was most pronounced and the Sterling check-rate is now quoted at 1-1/8 per cent.—Reuter.

10 days each by Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon.

The situation, added Mr. Eden, was as grave and perilous as any this country had faced at any time in its history.

"The gravest danger of war at the moment lies in the belief of the German people that whatever action the German Government may take against Poland, that action will not result in war with this country or France."

"In signing this pact with Russia, the German Government has made a very grave miscalculation. They thought that a consequence would be that we would go back on our pledge to Poland."

"That was unthinkable."

STRANGE ERROR

"It was strange that the German leaders should know so little about history—that the greater the odds and the greater the difficulties so the stronger becomes our determination to stand by those to whom we pledge our word."

Mr. McGovern (Independent Labour) said he was not dismayed by the Russo-German pact because he believed it desirable to know who were our enemies.

He had no use for treachery and double-dealing of any kind.

Mr. McGovern added that he took the view last year that one country in the world that desired war was Russia.

GRIM FACT

Mr. L. S. Amery (Conservative) declared the situation was one which called for action. "In all sobriety he thought we ought to face the grim fact that we were almost certain to be confronted within a few days or a few weeks with the prospect of war."

That being so, it would be madness on our part not to take every measure that would be required if war came.

Mr. Amery declared that the Prime Minister should equip himself with a small Cabinet of men capable of facing the appalling task with which they were likely to be confronted.

UNITED NATION

Replying to the debate, Mr. Chamberlain said: "We are not yet at war. Perhaps we may escape war, but what we wanted to do was to show to the world that in this time of crisis we are united in our main purpose."

"I, who at this moment carry perhaps a greater responsibility than any member of this House, ask you to conclude this debate and get on with the action that we are here to take—to give the world that notice of our unity which we desire to give." —Reuter.

DANZIG ARRIVAL

Danzig, To-day.

The former German battleship "Schleswig-Holstein," now a cadet training ship, will arrive in Danzig harbour at 8 a.m. to-day.

The warship will anchor in the harbour canal at Neufahrwasser. —Trans-Ocean.

NEW D.O.R.A. BECOMES LAW

London, To-day.

The Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill, the new name for the famous Defence of the Realm Act of the Great War, was rushed through all its stages in the House of Commons yesterday without a division and after only a brief discussion.

The Bill, after having passed the House of Lords, received the Royal Assent and is now law.

Both Houses of Parliament adjourned until next Thursday.

Only vote taken during yesterday's House of Commons session was on the procedure motion, which was carried by the overwhelming majority of 427 votes to four. The minority was the Independent Labour Party. — Reuter.

COMMONS IMPATIENT TO GET INTO ACTION: GOVT. GIVES ASSURANCES

London, To-day.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, which listened to the Prime Minister's statement in hushed attention and had displayed an undercurrent of impatience during the subsequent speeches, as though anxious to proceed with the business, formally gave the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill its first reading.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, immediately moved the second reading, recalling that he was one of the comparatively small number of members who remembered the introduction of the Defence of the Realm Bill in August, 1914.

He regretted that once again a Home Secretary had to ask for powers which trench upon many of the most cherished liberties of his fellow citizens, but added:

"To-day we are faced with such a situation that there is no alternative open to me. I come to the House to say that the powers included in this Bill are not only as essential as in 1914 but are ten times more essential than in those days.

"In 1914 war was still a slow motion tragedy. Since then, the speed with which warlike acts are carried out in the world adds to the perplexities and problems.

"That speed creates a danger which for the first time confronts this island as a result of the great development of aviation.

"There is now a twilight between peace and war, perhaps the most dangerous of any period in inter-

national affairs, in which it is essential that any British Government must be armed with emergency powers.

WIDE, DRASTIC

"On that account, whilst we still hope that the final catastrophe may be averted, it is essential from to-day onwards that we should have at our disposal the powers set out in the Bill.

"These powers are very wide, very

drastic and very comprehensive.

"To leave a gap anywhere in a situation of this kind may mean that your efforts may be frustrated and that the country may be faced with a danger the importance of which cannot be exaggerated.

COMMONSENSE

"Whilst on one hand the powers asked for are wide, flexible and indefinite, I give the House an undertaking that we will still apply them with moderation, toleration and commonsense.

"It is of the utmost importance that the Bill should become law to-day. We should not propose in the course of a few hours, unless the situation should become much worse, issuing great codes of new regulations.

"What we should do would be to

NO PRESS CENSORSHIP

face the situation and bring into force regulations mainly of a precautionary character.

LIBERTY OF SUBJECT

"In some respects they would effect economic matters and perhaps the greater part of them would deal with such questions as A.R.P.

"I give the House an undertaking that we do not intend to affect the liberty of the subject.

"I give the press an undertaking that there will be no censorship until and unless this country is actually involved in hostilities.

"I also give another very important assurance—that we do not intend to deal with Labour questions under the Defence of the Realm regulations, neither have we any intention of using these emergency powers for peacetime purposes.

EMERGENCY MEASURE

"The great safeguard is that the Bill is an emergency measure which will only remain in operation for a limited period of time."

Mr. Arthur Greenwood indicated that the Labour Opposition would not oppose the second reading of the Bill.

Sir Samuel Hoare, replying to the debate, said that financial regulations would be necessary at no distant date. There would be an announcement before the issue of regulations.

If they were announced before issue there would be every opportunity for forestalling and speculation.

Speaking generally, the powers under the Bill covered very much the same ground as the Defence of the Realm regulations between 1914 and 1918.

The Bill would not touch the question of privileges of Members of Parliament or restrict them in any way.

REQUISITIONING

The emergency regulations provide for the taking possession of and controlling of any property or undertaking or acquisition of property, but the regulations give the right of entry and search of any premises and the application of any enactment with or without modification.

The regulations apply, inter alia, to all British ships and aircraft wherever they may be.

The Bill provides for the apprehension, trial and punishment of offenders against the regulations, and the detention of persons whose detention appears expedient in the interests of the public safety. — Reuter.

LABOUR AND LIBERAL PARTIES GIVE UNRESERVED SUPPORT

London, To-day.

MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, Deputy Leader of the Labour Opposition, who followed Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons debate on the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill yesterday afternoon, declared that the Premier's statement was of the utmost gravity.

"The war clouds are gathering over Europe and the world is in the shadow, and a terrible and terrifying responsibility lies on the shoulders of him who lets loose the hounds of war.

"I say that this situation has arisen very largely through the mistaken policies which we have strongly criticised in the past, but we are facing a tragic situation and I do not propose at a time of crisis to rake over the embers of days behind us. (General Cheers).

"The peace front which most of us hoped for has been greatly impaired by this morning's news, but Britain and France remain in an alliance of close friendship and are in a no worse position.

"My main purpose is to try and make clear the attitude of the Opposition."

LABOUR'S STAND

Mr. Greenwood read the declaration of the National Council of Labour, published on Wednesday night, and added: "I say that we take not one single syllable or comma away from our declarations.

"We still stand by them without qualifications or hesitation.

"We are not supporters of this Government, but let no man abroad think that Labour will be a willing party to acquiescence in any further actions of aggression.

"The world must know that in this attitude against aggression, British Labour is unshakeable.

"The issue is not whether we like this Government. The point is that Labour abominates aggression and believes that only by preventing or resisting it can civilisation and orderly relations between nations be maintained.

UNITED PEOPLE

"I emphasise this because I wish to make it unmistakably plain to those beyond the seas that if unfortunately the time comes when this policy has to be implemented, the foe will not find a disunited people. (Cheers).

"The unity of His Majesty's subjects will be complete, and the issue will be faced with providence and fortitude.

NATIONAL HONOUR

"Although the clouds are dark, if every step can be taken to make constructive proposals, I hope they will be taken and I hope we can convince the German people that we are a fundamentally reasonable nation and if there are legitimate grievances it is not beyond the wit of man to remove them without resort to violence, and I would urge the Government therefore to take every possible step consistent with the national honour to avert disaster, so that it shall not be said, if the worst should happen, that Britain was in any way responsible for the tragedy.

"Finally, let me say that we bear no hostility to the German people."

LIBERAL LEADER SPEAKS

"This is the time for closing our ranks and for a demonstration of unity," said Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party, in the House of Commons debate yesterday.

"Let us hope to convince the aggressor of the firmness of our purpose and to deter him from gambling upon war.

"It is not upon moral justification

tion that Hitler relies to secure the support of his people, but propaganda and success—success in attaining apparently limited objectives one after another.

STARK FACTS

"He uses and disregards political principles and ideas (Cheers) such as the anti-Comintern pact and self-determination, just as it suits him, either to gather friends or allies or to mask his real intentions and bamboozle his opponents.

"If we yield on Danzig we should have to face in the near future further demands, each one more threatening to our vital interests, and we should have to face such demands weakened and discredited by our betrayal of the Poles.

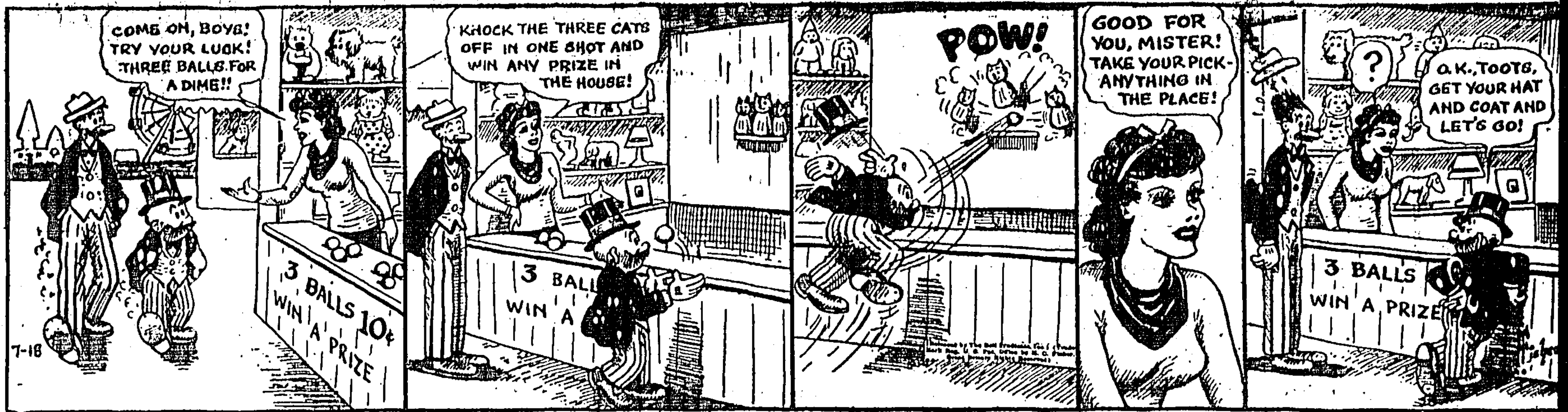
"It is yet too early to assess the precise value of the Russo-German treaty. It is a clear implication, however, that it is to the British Empire rather than Russia that Hitler will in future look for his territorial living space.

PRINCIPLES AT STAKE

"Let us give the world to-day, by speech and action," concluded Sir Archibald Sinclair, "an impressive and convincing demonstration that when the vital interests of our country and the moral values of civilised life and the peace of the world are menaced by force, the British Parliament and people stand firmly with the people of France without hatred or hostility for the German or any other people in defence of its principles of international good faith, freedom and justice, on which alone we can establish lasting peace." — Reuter.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

WORTH IT

Harris King couldn't take it. He achieved fame too rapidly. Within a year from the time he signed with Kohr Productions, Inc., he was at the top of the heap, idol of millions. He was young and not especially bright and it went to his head. He began thinking of himself as a little god. His face wore a constant bored, superior look. He frequently referred to the public that paid its nickels and dimes to see him perform on the screen as the rabble. He pretended that they annoyed him, and expressed the wish that they would cease to bother him with their worship.

"The kid's riding for a fall," Barney Blodgett told Chester Kohr. "He'll be through in six months if this keeps up. He ought to be talked to."

Chester Kohr shook his head. His face was grave. "I've been in this game a long time, Barney, known too many famous people. No, talking to Harris won't do any good." He caressed his chin thoughtfully, a habit he had when grave problems beset him.

"Maybe if I hired a couple of gorillas to work him over a bit," Barney hinted.

Chester smiled faintly. "Wouldn't that make news," he said almost wistfully. Then he shook his head. "No, we've got to think up a more subtle method of showing Harris the light. He's worth money to us, Barney."

"He won't be worth a dime in six months."

"Which means we'll have to work fast," Chester rifled through some

ture. And twenty minutes after the film started, two people got up and went out. Later, two more did likewise. Then a trio moved up the aisle toward the exit. Before the show was half over, only about one-third of the original group remained.

From the corner of his eye Chester watched the look of astonishment and indignation and anger that came into Harris King's eyes. When the anger gave way to something bordering on fear, Chester felt satisfied.

No word was spoken between the pair when the lights finally came up and they headed for the front exit. Just before they stepped into the foyer, Harris braced himself and assumed the bored superior look with which he always greeted his public. Then suddenly he stopped short. Chester had opened the door; the lobby beyond was empty.

The street beyond was empty too, and the few passersby glanced indifferently at Harris and then away again. Chester led the way to his limousine and opened the door. No one intercepted them. On the drive home, Chester was strangely silent. Harris sat stiff and erect, staring straight ahead.

Presently they swung into the palatial drive of Harris's home. Chester accepted an invitation to come in for a highball. Over his drink he met the actor's eyes. What he saw made him realise that the evening had been a success.

"Harris, what do you suppose would happen if the audience reacted like

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

papers on his desk. "Harris's new picture, 'Two Hearts As One,' is scheduled to have a sneak preview at the Palace on the 23rd. Barney, that gives me an idea. I'm going to make a deal with Pacific to preview their latest feature at the Palace on that night. I've something else in mind for 'Two Hearts As One!'"

As usual, Chester Kohr invited Harris King to attend the preview showing of his latest vehicle. And as usual, Harris King accepted, though he pretended indifference and boredom.

"I'll tell you what, Harris," Chester said to the star a half hour before they were ready to start for the theatre. "We'll sneak in the back way and take a couple of obscure seats in the balcony. That way, you can avoid coming in contact with the—er—rabble."

Harris looked up quickly, was on the verge of protesting, then changed his mind. "You don't think the public will be too disappointed?" he hinted.

"Oh, I guess they can stand it," Chester said.

So Chester's chauffeur drove around to the rear of the theatre and an usher smuggled them in a rear door. It was two minutes to curtain time, but the theatre was only about a quarter filled. Harris looked around first in amazement, then in indignation.

"They're probably outside waiting to see you when you arrive," Chester assured him. "Relax, the house will fill up as soon as the show starts."

But when the lights went out and the show started, the house didn't fill at all. More, the handful of people who composed the audience seemed less than ordinarily interested when the announcement was flashed on the screen that the preview for the evening would be Harris King's latest picture.

that to your picture in every theatre all over the country?"

"They can't! It's my best picture. I—I'm famous!" There was terror in his voice, desperation in his eyes.

Chester sipped his drink. "The way the public reacts is the only measuring stick to your success, Harris. They are the ones who decide. They and no one else. If I were in your place—well, I'd be a little grateful, a little appreciative. When I met the public, I'd show it a little more respect." Chester drank again. "To-night was just a sample of what might happen. The next time I won't have to buy out the house, and advertise that you're going to appear somewhere else."

He stopped, wondering if he'd gambled too much. Blood rushed into Harris King's face, a glint came into his eyes. But the glint gave way to sheer relief and joy and understanding.

"Thanks, Chester." He put out his hand. "I—I guess I owe you a lot."

Chester grinned, relieved himself. "I guess you do," he agreed. "But you're worth it."

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It is notified for general information that public sessions of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance No. 32 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th August, and Tuesday, 29th August.

MEDICAL DEPT. DECISION

IT IS NOTIFIED FOR THE INFORMATION OF INTENDING PASSENGERS TO PORTS REQUIRING CERTIFICATES, OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION THAT, MAINLY FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE, A NEW FORM OF VACCINATION CERTIFICATE IS TO BE INTRODUCED AS FROM FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1939.

The new procedure involves the purchase by Shipping Companies from the Treasury (Second floor, General Post Office Building) of receipted smallpox vaccination certificates to the value of \$2.-each. These forms are receipted and require no stamps and Shipping Companies are being requested to purchase these in quantity from the Treasury for distribution to intending passengers. By doing so, they will relieve congestion in the Treasury and afford some convenience to intending passengers.

Intending passengers may also obtain these certificates direct from the Treasury should they so desire.

Such certificates in blank will be handed to intended passengers who apply to shipping offices for their tickets. Passengers will be required to obtain a passport or other small photograph to fix to their certificates and to take them to the Port Health Office (No. 11, Ice House Street), where they will receive vaccination and where the certificate will be completed by the Port Health Officer or his Deputy. Those vaccinated by private practitioners may have the Government receipted certificates countersigned by the Port Health Officer or his Deputy. Similar certificates may also be issued by Government medical officers to persons vaccinated in Government hospitals.

The new procedure will come into force as from to-day.

ZOO WILL EXPEL ITS HIPPOS

The Calcutta Zoo has decided to dispose of its two hippopotamuses which have been a great attraction for some weeks.

The reason for the public interest in these animals is that one of them devoured a young Hindu woman who was feeding him. The beast, which has an uncertain temper, suddenly seized the woman's arm and pulled her over the low barrier.

The authorities tried to make it impossible for such a tragedy to be repeated by raising the wall, but the foundation sank several feet, so the hippopotamuses are to go to the highest bidder.

PRAYA ACCIDENT

A Chinese passenger was slightly injured in a collision between a bus and a truck opposite the Douglas Wharf, on the Praya, this morning.

The side of the bus was buckled in and the seat smashed. The injured Chinese is suffering from shock and abrasion to the right foot.

AIR IN HONG KONG THICK WITH WILDEST RUMOURS

IN HONG KONG TO-DAY, the air is thick with rumours, nine-tenths of which are absolutely untrue and unjustified. A good example is being set by the Chinese population, which is taking matters far more calmly than many Europeans.

In response to Government suggestion, the passport offices are crowded with people while in many of the banks equally large crowds have gathered to draw out money.

The women of Hong Kong are taking the Postmaster-General's warning to "be prepared" very seriously. Many of them stayed up to a late hour last night, packing and getting their affairs in order so as to be ready for any evacuation.

Yesterday, there were heavy purchases of gold dollars, a reliable source informing the "China Mail" that in one case a cheque for over Hong Kong \$1,300,000 changing hands.

There is an air of subdued excitement in the hotel lobbies and lounges, and the only topic of conversation is the situation in Europe and its possible repercussions here.

It is understood that the Government is advising prominent Chinese to evacuate to Manila, Singapore or other suitable ports for time being.

TYPHOON MOVING NEARER

The Royal Observatory reports that an area of high pressure covers the Pacific to the east of Japan. A shallow depression remains over Tongking.

The Pacific typhoon is situated about 250 miles to the East of N. Luzon, moving N.W.

Mrs. C. Luberseber, of No. 26, Humphrey's Building, yesterday had a rattan-basket containing money and articles, valued at \$134, stolen while she was shopping in the Empress Silk Store in Nathan Road.

NO VOLUNTEER LEAVE

It is understood that no applications for leave by members of the H.K.V.D.C. are being granted, at the moment.

DEFENCE STEPS IN MOROCCO

Madrid, To-day. Spanish press reports from Morocco allege that extensive military precautions have been taken in French Morocco.

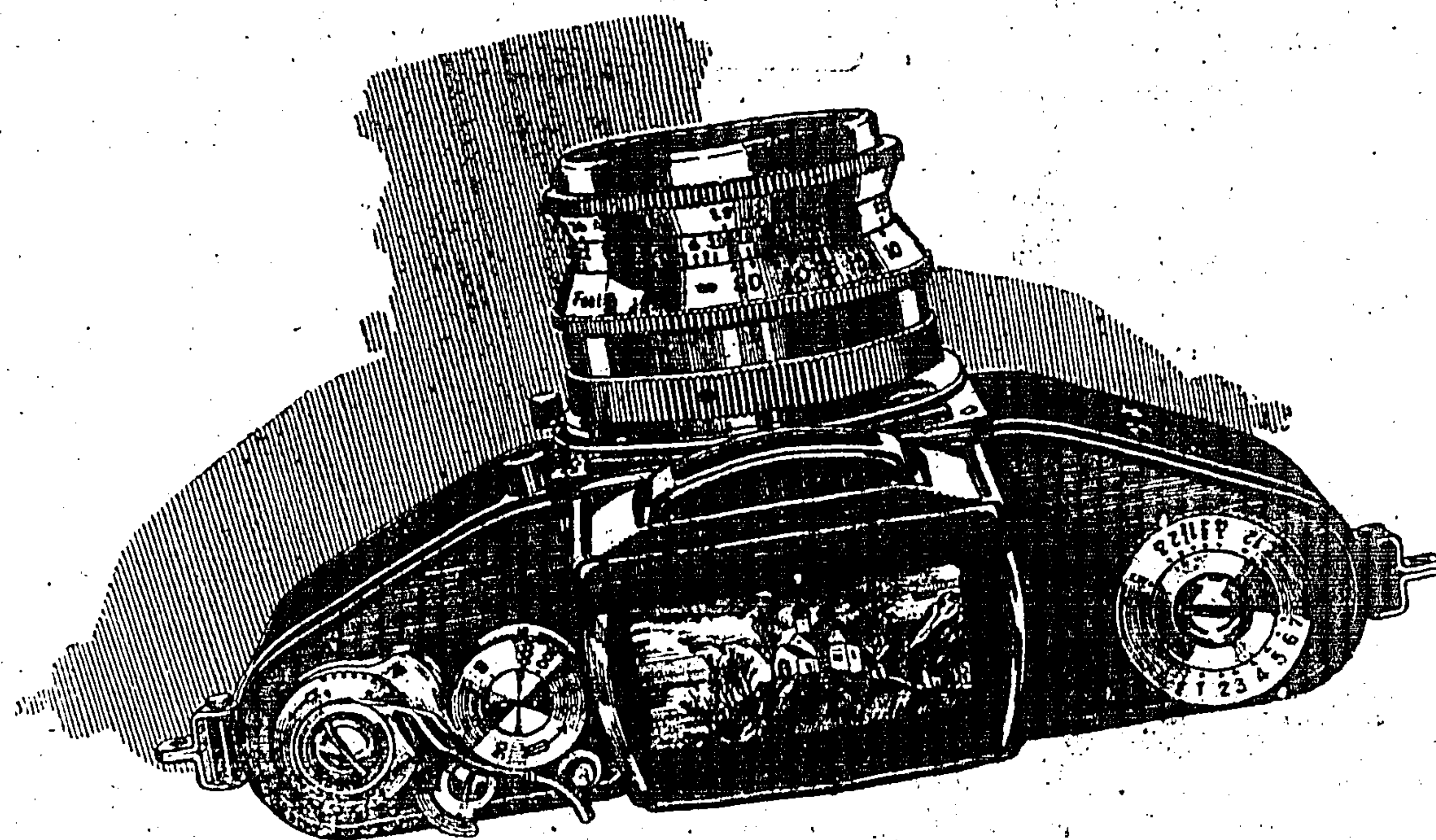
The French are said to have concentrated, about 150,000 men in the region close to the frontier of the Spanish zone.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins, of No. 16, Kent Road, reported that yesterday a burglar entered his bathing shed, No. 46B (11-mile Beach), and stole a watch, and a ladies' handbag, valued at \$34.



Mischa Auer, Bing Crosby and Joan Blondell in "East Side of Heaven," which starts a four-day run at the Alhambra Theatre to-day.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

UNITED EMPIRE

To-day both peace and freedom are threatened by aggressive and despotic forces, and the Empire is meeting a challenge that must be faced unflinchingly. It must draw on spiritual sources of strength as well as increase its armed power, and the world is looking to Britain and the Empire for a leadership which is both moral and material. If the enduring peace secured within the boundaries of the Empire is to be extended to the world outside, this can only be achieved by preservation of free thought, speech, and action. Meanwhile, the peoples of the Empire must shoulder the responsibilities and obligations, as well as cherish the rights, of free men and women. Only by equal sacrifice and devotion can we effectively resist the aggressive use of these qualities by the Dictatorships. To-day the Empire stands united by common interest, sentiments, and ideals, but these can only prevail when strengthened by the final unity of service in their cause.—"Sydney Morning Herald."

REACHING A CLIMAX

This present week may very well prove to be the most fateful in the history of the world, for it is quite likely that before its end the decision of whether it shall be peace or war will have been taken. The crisis in Europe over the fate of Danzig is rapidly approaching a climax, and Herr Hitler will shortly have to decide whether he will hold his hand or plunge Europe and perhaps the whole world into war.

The technique of last year is being faithfully copied. In the German press a veritable whirlwind of hate is being displayed against the Poles, and the usual crescendo of tales of atrocities wreaked upon Germans in Poland is just about reaching the utmost fortissimo possible in the German controlled newspapers. There is no likelihood of the world accepting a *fait accompli* with regard to Danzig, if Poland cares to resist. If Danzig is left alone there will be no war; if it is sought to include it in the Reich and Poland decides to fight, there will be war, but the real decision rests with Herr Hitler, and to abandon his present position would be to admit a defeat.—"North China Daily News."

IRONY AT GDYNIA

One of those ironies which are perhaps more entertaining than instructive, and yet are instructive too, smiles grimly out of the Danzig controversy. The German press is opposing the argument, recently officially accepted by Britain, that Danzig is vital to Poland by pointing out that Poland has another port in Gdynia, and that, indeed, Poland's purpose in building up Gdynia was to paralyze Danzig. No doubt many purposes lay behind Polish development of Gdynia—one of which quite naturally was to insure an outlet for Polish goods on the Baltic should Danzig ever cease to serve as such. But one of the original motivating factors for the construction of a port at Gdynia is authoritatively recorded to have been the refusal of Danzigers to handle arms and ammunition supplies for Poland when that country was threatened with a Bolshevik invasion.

Gdynia therefore seems to have more claim to being an anti-Comintern city than has Danzig and therefore would appear to be more "eligible" for inclusion in the Greater Reich! But perhaps it is too early to talk of that.—"Christian Science Monitor."

A STRONGER BRITAIN

One of the reasons for the catastrophe that goes under the name of "Munich" (a name that has become generic) was the failure of Great

Britain to display her armed might. That might may have been inadequate during the September Crisis, but such as it was, it could have been displayed much more impressively. Behind the words of gentle warning—gentle, not by British standards, but more than gentle, that is to say, weak and irresolute, by German standards—there was almost nothing visible that could convince Hitler of this country's determination. Since then, there has been a great change. Not only has the British air force achieved formidable striking power, not only have the defences against air raids developed so that no enemy can attack without the risk of losses so heavy that, in the long run, they must prove ruinous to the enemy's air power, but this offensive and defensive capacity has been displayed in the most unmistakable manner. The flights of British bombing planes over France are not a mere stunt, and not meant to do no more than participate in the celebrations of July 14. They are serious strategic and tactical manoeuvres, a grim rehearsal, in fact, of aerial operations that may have to be undertaken against Germany before long. It is a mistake to suppose that the Germans—and Hitler especially—are not aware of this.—"Time and Tide."

EMPIRE WILL SUPPORT BRITAIN!

In practice almost the entire British Empire can be relied upon to come to the aid of Britain in the event of a war. The only Dominion both willing and able to remain neutral is South Africa.

Ireland would like to be neutral but probably will not be able to because it is on Ireland that England can exercise her most immediate pressure. Canada must be expected to hurry to England's side more or less quickly, while "Red" New Zealand is likely to join in from the very beginning for ideological reasons. The influence of the pro-English upper class should ensure India's assistance, though the anti-English lower class might render the assistance partly ineffective.

Australia in the case of a purely European war, will see her way to making some gesture on behalf of London. If the conflict extends to the Pacific, however, Australia will try to keep herself out of the line of fire.—"National Zeitung," Essen.

BRITISH FLAG INFURIATES

Everybody, even the British, know, that the British flag flying over the Rock of Gibraltar infuriates the Spaniards and annoys all the other Mediterranean peoples, who do not see why the door of their house should be kept by a blonde people with a house on the North Sea.

As long as Spain was weak, Gibraltar was a source of strength to Britain. Now that Spain is rapidly turning into a military power of the first rank Gibraltar is becoming a source of weakness.

Without writing Gibraltar off completely, it may safely be said that it has lost 50 per cent. of its defensive value and from 70 to 75 per cent. of its offensive value. We do not believe that the air-raid shelters which Britain is feverishly constructing at Gibraltar and the new batteries with which she is equipping the Rock can balance the concrete factors of the new situation in the Mediterranean created by the imperial ambitions of the new Spain.—"Popolo d'Italia," Rome.

TROUBLE AHEAD

"We have plenty of trouble to look for, both in Europe and in Asia."—Mr. Cordell Hull.

THE PACIFIST POSITION

London, To-day.
Mr. George Lansbury, the well-known pacifist, who said he spoke for more than a tiny minority in this country, called attention in the House of Commons yesterday to General Smuts' statement, in which the South African leader said there were people who hold that war in Europe would mean the end of the old order of civilisation.

No pacifist, declared Mr. Lansbury, could make a clearer statement on the futility of war than that.

Mr. Lansbury added: "I believe the Prime Minister has done his very utmost to preserve peace." (Loud cheers). — Reuter.

RUSSIA RETIRING INTO ISOLATION, OR WHAT? FRENCH CABINET ATTITUDE

Paris, To-day.
WHILE MEN WERE HURRYING to join their units all over France yesterday, the Cabinet under President Albert Lebrun unanimously approved new military measures taken by the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier.

According to well-informed circles, members of the Government attached less importance to the text of the German-Soviet pact than to the underlying intentions of the negotiators.

What concerned them most was to discover whether the pact was an excuse for Russia to retire into isolation or a real agreement for collaboration between the countries.

RIBBENTROP HOPES

Moscow, To-day.
The conviction that the German-Soviet pact would "beneficially influence Soviet-Japanese relations as well as the German-Japanese friendship," was expressed by Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, in a statement issued before his departure from Moscow after signing the pact.—Reuter.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

The London Stock Exchange, following overnight news on the international situation, saw prices marked lower, with dealings only possible by direct negotiations.

At about noon, minimum prices were fixed for gilt-edged securities, giving the whole list a steadier appearance.

Commodities were generally quiet, apart from fair activity in wheat and cotton and, to a lesser extent, in sugar.

On the foreign exchange market business was confined to adjustment of positions, although U.S. dollars were still demanded against sales of gold.

Silver advanced a penny to 19-1/16d on lack of sellers and in the face of a moderate demand. Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

The possibility of formation of a national government if the situation worsens is being discussed in Government circles following the meeting of the Council.

M. Daladier would proceed with such a step by appealing for national unity.

Meanwhile, private vehicles are being requisitioned and special trains are running from all termini for reservists.

Long-distance telephones have been reserved for official communications.

PARIS EVACUATION

Families are evacuating Paris, and aeroplanes and trains to England are crowded.

The streets nevertheless are calm, and there is no sign of nervousness, but there is clear evidence that the country is standing unanimously behind the Government.—Reuter.

FLIGHT FROM FLOOD TO PEIPING

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

FLOOD REFUGEES, BOTH CHINESE AND JAPANESE, FROM THE TIENSIN AREA CONTINUE TO POUR IN AN ENDLESS STREAM INTO PEIPING, MOST HAVING SPENT DAYS MAROONED IN UPPER FLOORS OR ROOFS BEFORE BEING ABLE TO HIRE BOATS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE RAILWAY.

Most of the refugees are arriving with very few or no possessions, and are depending on charity here for their continued existence.

The local authorities are appropriating relief funds in hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it appears certain that millions will be needed. — Reuter.

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that the following have passed as Members of The Despatch Corps:—Y. K. Shum, Greene Lee, Li Che Min, Lam Hong Lai, Lee Hon Wing, Chan Kit Sang, Liang Sin Tai and Ho Sit Fun.

RAILWAY STRIKE CALLED OFF

London, To-day.
After a two-hour meeting with the Minister of Labour yesterday, the executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen stated that the strike, previously announced, had been definitely called off.—Reuter.

GUERRILLA RAID

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese guerrillas raided the Hung-jao Aerodrome early yesterday morning. Several planes were damaged before Japanese reinforcements arrived on the scene. The guerrillas exchanged fire for about 30 minutes and then retreated.—Our Own Correspondent.

MISSIONS REVERSE DECISION

Moscow, To-day.

The British and French military missions are expected to leave within 24 hours.

The British mission, under instructions from London, may travel to Helsinki (Finland) and remain there pending developments.

The French mission applied for exit visas on Wednesday evening.

Some members of the two missions were to leave shortly after midnight this morning, while the remainder are leaving on Friday morning.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

Without explanation, the British and French military missions suddenly reversed their decision to leave Moscow last night.

All officials of the missions would say last night was "The missions might or might not leave to-morrow." — Reuter.

KEEPING RUSSIA OUT

Koenigsberg, To-day.

The Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, arrived here from Moscow yesterday.

Addressing a Nazi demonstration he said: "The Fuehrer sent me to Moscow."

"That no doubt came as a surprise to Germans but we know what the Fuehrer does is for the best."

"Russia was about to be brought into the encirclement front."

The Fuehrer acted quickly and has kept Russia out.

"We live in serious times but I am sure that every German will support the Fuehrer whatever happens." — Reuter.

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HONG KONG

ITALY SILENT ON EFFECT OF NEW PACT: URGING POLAND TO CAPITULATE

TWO HOUR CONFERENCE

Paris, To-day.

The following report was issued after the two-hour Ministerial Council at the Elysee Palace yesterday morning:

The Council was devoted exclusively to examination of the international situation. The Premier, M. Daladier, submitted a report on the military measures of security he had been compelled to take, which were unanimously approved.

The Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, also reported on the international situation, with an analysis of the German-Soviet pact.

Official quarters stress France's firm determination to adhere to her commitments towards Poland, and take an extremely grave view of the situation.—Trans-Ocean.

RUMANIA'S INVITATION TO HUNGARY

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED THE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY TO CONCLUDE IMMEDIATELY A NON-AGGRESSION PACT, IT IS REPORTED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS HERE.

The government at the same time, it is declared, rejected Hungarian representations concerning alleged Rumanian troop concentrations on the Hungarian frontier.

The Rumanian Government is said to have explained that it had not ordered mobilization but that reservists had been called up for normal autumn manoeuvres which were being held in Trans-sylvania, far from the Hungarian frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA BANKS TO MOVE HEAD OFFICES

The "China Mail" was officially informed this morning that the head offices of the four Chinese Government banks, the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, Limited, the Bank of Communications and the Agricultural and Industrial Bank of China, have been definitely instructed by Chungking to move to Kunming.

The local branches of the four banks are not affected by the order and will continue to function in the Colony.

(A foreign newsagency reported from Chungking yesterday that "ac-

NO ITALIAN COMMENT has yet been made on the signing of the German-Soviet pact and it is still too early to sum up the Italian view.

Great prominence, however, is given to the unequivocal reply given by the Fuehrer to Mr. Chamberlain's message, conveyed by the British Ambassador.

"Corriere Della Sera", however, advises the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, to board a plane and hasten to Obersalzberg to see the Fuehrer!

EUROPEAN GIVEN GAOL SENTENCE

APPEARING ON REMAND BEFORE MR. R. EDWARDS AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, MATTHEW HIND, ALIAS M. C. STEWART, 26-YEAR-OLD MARINE ENGINEER, WAS SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' HARD LABOUR FOR OBTAINING BY FALSE PRETENCES \$50 FROM THE HONG KONG HOTEL; FOR FORGING A CHEQUE; AND FOR UTTERING A FORGED CHEQUE, ON AUGUST 12.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton for the prosecution, said that defendant registered at the Hotel on August 3, under the name of M. C. Stewart.

On August 12, defendant met Mr. Holland and Mr. Fraser at the Hotel, where they had a long conversation, in defendant's room, about shipping.

The same day, defendant gave the room-boy a Chartered Bank cheque for \$50, and asked him to cash it. The money was paid to him later by the accountant of the Hotel.

WALLET MISSING

Two days later Mr. Fraser discovered wallet containing a cheque book of the Chartered Bank, missing.

The same day defendant went to the Parisian Grill, where he asked the manager to cash a cheque for him, but was refused.

The Chartered Bank later informed the Hotel, that the cheque, under the name of defendant, was a bad one.

Defendant was arrested on August 16, when he failed to pay his hotel bill.

Inspector A. L. Hopkins represented the Police.

cording to authoritative quarters the Government is not considering the evacuation of the "Big Four banks.")

Rome, To-day.

The sacrifice which Poland would have to make in that case, it says, would be insignificant compared with the sacrifice entailed by having to wage a war.

Yet, that alone would not serve to banish the present crisis in international affairs as there would still remain the question of Italy's claims!

ONE COMMENT

The Moscow pact, says the "Popolo D'Italia," creates a new situation in Europe.

The injustices of Versailles will have to disappear. The policy of encirclement has received a mortal blow by the defection of the Soviet, leaving Poland alone in the East.

Perhaps, it is still able to get into touch with the Reich. At any rate, the road to Berlin is Poland's only salvation.—Trans-Ocean.

PRECAUTIONARY EVACUATION BEGINS IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The systematic evacuation of women and children from London has begun. Persons affected are being transported by road and rail to the places in the country already designed to receive them.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA TAKES NOTE OF PACT REPERCUSSIONS

Chungking, To-day.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT LEADERS are carefully studying possible repercussions in Asia of the German-Soviet pact, in order to be in a position to take necessary steps. It is felt locally that a European war is approaching and in the event of Britain and France being involved, much-needed material and financial help will not continue. China's influential leaders have arrived in Chungking from Hong Kong in order to confer on the Chinese financial situation.

Optimism is felt in leading circles, especially concerning Chinese currency, which has risen during the last few days.

Further encouragement is given by the prospect of a good harvest, especially in Szechuen, Hunan and Kiangsi.

Large-scale government purchases of rice, ordered by the highest leaders, aim at assisting the farmers. Several silos are under construction for storing rice.

BRITONS ANXIOUS

Chungking British circles are anxious, since reports on the European situation received from Hong Kong are very unfavourable.

Rumours so far unconfirmed assert that the newly-appointed Soviet Ambassador to China (whose name is undisclosed) arrived here two days ago and has already had lengthy consultations with the Chinese premier.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN ACTIVITY ON BELGIAN BORDER

Brussels, To-day.

Activity is taking place in the German fortifications along the Belgian frontier, according to reports from Eupen.

Lorries of all kinds, especially artillery vehicles, are seen constantly coming and going at several places.

Requisition is reported to be taking place and reservists, especially those belonging to artillery units, are being called up.

Big movements of troops are reported in the neighbourhood of Treves.

Troops of the regular army have been replaced by reservists on the German-Luxembourg frontier.—Reuter.

WHAT OF THE SOVIET PACT WITH FRANCE

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE RUSSO-GERMAN PACT WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF INVALIDATING THE FRANCO-RUSSIAN MILITARY ALLIANCE OF 1935 EVEN SHOULD IT NOT BE FORMALLY DENOUNCED.

Denouncement would, it is argued, be mere formality since the alliance has now been rendered inoperative.

It is stressed that the rapidity with which the pact was concluded proves the determination of the two Governments to revert to the traditional policy of Russo-German co-operation which characterised the relations between the two countries in the 19th. century!

The consultations provided for by the Pact are interpreted in Germany as meaning that Moscow and Berlin intend deciding, jointly, all questions affecting Eastern Europe, to the exclusion of Britain and France.—Trans-Ocean.

SHANGHAI RUMOUR RIFE

Chungking, To-day.

Rumours are rife in Shanghai that the Japanese will start a blockade of the International Settlement.

It is also rumoured that the Japanese may attempt to seize the extra-Settlement area by force. All leave to British troops has been stopped.

The Japanese have tightened their patrol on the border of the International Settlement. Additional telephone lines have been installed.

Meanwhile, the Japanese-controlled papers are continuing their attacks on the Settlement authorities in regard to the recent shooting incident in Jessfield Road.—Central News.

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MILLIONS OF IDENTITY CARDS ARE NOW READY

MILLIONS OF IDENTITY CARDS, stored in municipal headquarters all over Britain, are awaiting a release notice from the Home Office to town clerks to set the national register scheme in operation.

In one London borough, Tottenham, the delivery of about two hundred thousand cards to the town hall has created a storage problem. Bales of them are lying in corridors.



Lew Ayres and Lynne Carver in "Young Dr. Kildare," next change at the Queen's Theatre.

Lamb Drinks

Coffee

Miss Lusitania, a four-month-old black lamb for Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, has reached Plymouth in the liner Alaunia. The lamb is a gift from Mrs. Rosa Brown, an eighty-two-year-old war widow, of Kirkland, Lake Ontario. The lamb was in a crate, with a Union Jack label addressed to the royal Princesses in London. . . . It eats water melon and cake and drinks coffee.

Minesweepers

Ordered

Subject to the settlement of certain points, the Admiralty have decided to place orders for two minesweepers of the 1939 programme with each of the following firms:—

Ailsa Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Troon, Ayrshire (machinery by J. L. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd.).

William Hamilton and Co., Ltd., Port Glasgow (machinery by J. S. White and Co., Ltd.).

Harland and Wolff, Ltd., Govan, Glasgow.

Matrimonially

Speaking

As usual the matrimonial cases supplied police court humour.

Woman at Tottenham: When my husband moved into the basement it rather confused me. I couldn't keep a proper check on the late hours he kept.

Witness at East Ham: I told her off properly. I said, "Why hit a man when there are women about?"

Wife at Marylebone: He asked me if I was expecting company. When I said "No," he picked up a knife and fork and drew a chair up to the oven.

Man at Westminster: I've got no grudge against women. One of my friends says he once knew a very kind woman.

Mr. R. C. Morrison, Socialist M.P. for Tottenham, N., who has been one of the chief supporters of the scheme, said:—

"The next census is due in 1941, but, because the information will be very essential in time of war, Parliament has decided to take preliminary steps to push ahead now.

"Every town clerk has been instructed to get together local enumerators to carry out the scheme."

Mr. Morrison is advocating, as an extension of the national register, the issue to all civilians of identification discs as supplied to members of the Forces.

Bombers For

India

Modernisation of the Air Force in India is proceeding a stage further with the equipment of a second squadron with Blenheim aircraft, which are being flown from England via Egypt.

Four machines have already arrived at Karachi.

32,000 To Get

More Pay

Imperial Chemical Industries are to increase the wages of about 32,000 of their chemical, explosives, leather-cloth, paints and quarry workers. There will be a minimum rate of £3 a week to adult male labour, with a corresponding advance to those whose rates are above the present minimum.

Bride's Ban

On Bucks

Because his intended wife refuses to live in Buckinghamshire, P.C. George Fletcher, of the County Constabulary, is resigning. This was revealed in the report of the Chief Constable, Col. T. R. P. Warren, to the standing joint committee at Aylesbury.

Admiral's New Post

Appointment of Rear-Admiral Geoffrey S. Arbuthnot as Commander-in-Chief, America and West Indies Station, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Sidney J. Meyrick, is to be dated October 6, the Admiralty announce.

Admiral Arbuthnot will assume command at Bermuda about November 16.

Russia Has 2,000,000

Reindeer

There are 2,000,000 reindeer (70 per cent. of the total number in the world) in Russia, according to a recent census. Most of the animals are in the northernmost districts, where they perform practically all the transport work. From 150,000 to 170,000 hides are annually used for the manufacture of wash-leather.



Bing Crosby in "East Side of Heaven," now showing at the Alhambra Theatre.

Caught 65lb.

Sturgeon

A royal sturgeon weighing sixty-five pounds was captured in the River Severn, off Woolaston, near Lydney, by Mr. Edwin Ball, a Woolaston fisherman.

Wins Right To Lords

Lord Sinha recently won the right to sit in the House of Lords as the heir of his father, first Indian to be raised to the peerage. His right to a seat in the House of Lords was denied on technical grounds, and he presented a petition for a writ of summons, which considered by the Committee for Privileges.

Ferry Since

Julius Caesar

Inhabitants of Brentford are prepared to run the ferry between Brentford Wharves and Kew Gardens if the present operators discontinue. The ferry has been there since the time of Julius Caesar. The ferry no longer pays.

Prices Rising

Commodity prices will rise whether we have peace, crisis, or war.

The quarterly review of business conditions issued by J. Henry Schroder and Co., bankers, of Leadenhall-street, London, E.C.3, says:

"The present crisis must, apparently, end in one of three ways—war, a continuance of uncertainty, mistrust and half-peace, of a return to real peace and co-operation.

"Any one of these conclusions is likely to raise commodity prices.

"Already the requirements of the present conditions have obliged Governments to lay in stores of essential articles, to provide against the danger of scarcity if war should make transport difficult and costly.

"These needs seem likely to be continued and increased if the present state of things is to be prolonged indefinitely."

PERFECTION IS SO LONELY

"If you look at things with a proper sense of proportion you will realise how lonely is perfection, and how much more likely is just the average good ordinary performance." That was what Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, told Farnham Heights School, Farnham, on Founders' Day.

Mr. Burgin said he loved to see children doing things they ought not to do. They were sometimes told there were two sides to a question. "You take my tip," Mr. Burgin added, "and realise there are twenty-two at least. It is not a question of 'yes or no.' It is a question of 'yes if' and 'no unless' and 'neither until.'"

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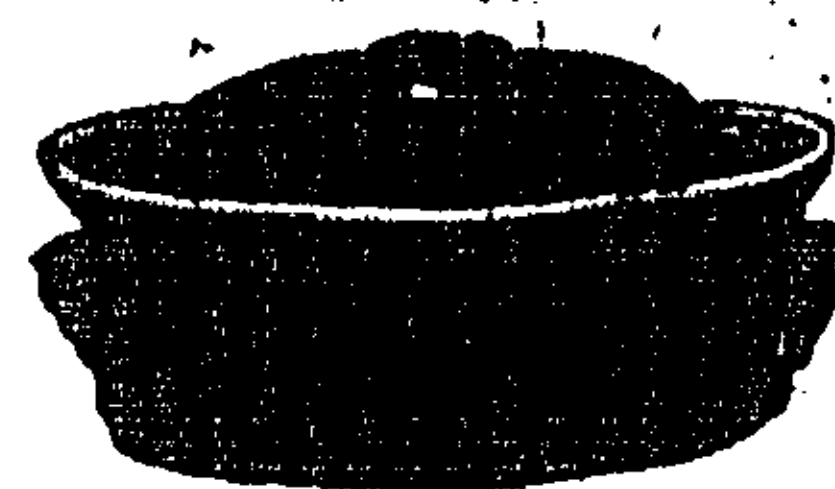
For Unemployed

Nearly 700 men, chiefly from the ranks of Somerset unemployed, are working double time and on Sundays, and making over £5 a week building huts for 1,500 militia men at Norton Manor camp, near Taunton.

Pupils Get Four Rides For 3d.

Children under fourteen attending L.C.C. schools, or private schools in the London area, are to get a fare concession from London Transport. From the beginning of the autumn term they will be allowed four penny bus or tram journeys for 3d. on any one day.

Signor Mussolini has issued a decree banning the use of iron for railings and fences surrounding gardens, courtyards or houses.



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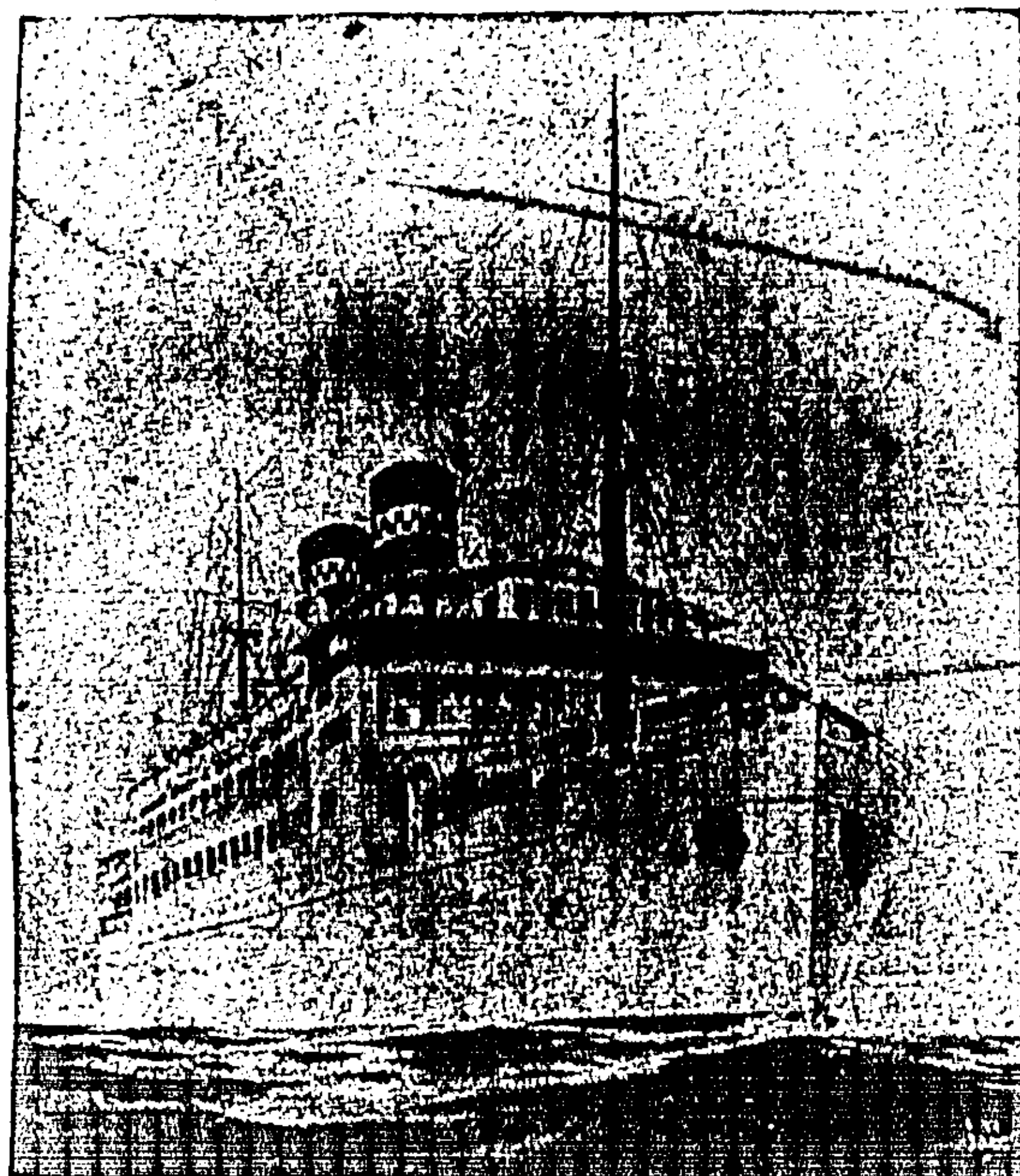
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WILL SPAIN SUCCEED

Outside "Friends" and the Qu

Long before the final victory of the Nationalists, it was said of General Franco that his real difficulties would begin only when the fighting ceased. That prediction is now being fulfilled.

The inner dissensions revealed by the latest reports from Spain might be regarded in other circumstances as the normal aftermath of Civil War. But there is one fact which gives them special significance, not only from the Spanish but also from the foreign point of view. That fact is the interference of the Totalitarian Powers.

Gen. Franco's difficulties do not come from the bitterness engendered by the three years' struggle. It is not from the conquered population that the national unity is threatened at the moment. On the whole, at any rate for the time being, the Republicans are resigned to their defeat.

The threat to unity comes rather from within the Nationalists' own ranks. That there would be differences among the victors once the unifying force of war ceased to operate was to a certain extent inevitable. But these differences, if they are not entirely the result of it, have been immeasurably aggravated by foreign intriguing.

Franco as a Figure-Head

Broadly speaking, the issue is whether Spain is to become a Totalitarian State, on the Nazi or Fascist model, or whether she is to be allowed to work out her own salvation on lines which accord with her character, history and needs. This in turn raises the issue of her international alignment. To the extent to which Spain internally goes totalitarian, just so far must she be regarded externally as part of the Italo-German bloc.

Those who are working to realise the totalitarian ideal are still in a minority, even among the Government's supporters. But they have at their head, in the person of Serrano Suner, the most energetic personality which the new Spain has yet produced. Minister of the Interior, leader of the New Falange, and brother-in-law of Gen. Franco, Suner is destined, in the eyes of his followers, to become the real power in Spain, with the Caudillo playing the role of a complacent figure-head.

This, of course, would suit the ideas of the Axis Powers, which have chosen the Spain. And yet the path mapped out by his friends for Senor Suner may not be so easy for him to follow as they would like to think.

In the first place, the Falange itself is far from united. It is split into two factions, the Old and the New, whose respective leaders, Fernandez Cuesta and Serrano Suner, have very different conceptions of their country's destiny. While the Old Falange is a genuine Spanish movement, the New Falange is an alien growth transplanted from abroad.

One of the bones of contention between the leaders of the two factions is the question of the monarchy. Fernandez Cuesta is known to favour restoration, and has been in touch from time to time with ex-King Alfonso. Some months ago it was rumoured that he was opposing the desire of Alfonso to return to the Throne himself, and was pressing for the ex-King's abdication in favour of Don Juan. Either project would be resisted by the New Falange and its foreign backers.

Divided internally by doctrinal differences and personal animosities, the Falange is, at the same time, opposed by all those elements in Spain which, for one reason or another, are trying to preserve their country from the totalitarian influence. They include the majority of the army officers, the active traditionalists, represented by the Regueta, most Catholics and all Monarchists, and the financial and industrial interests.

Reflecting very different aspects of the national life—religious and royalist, military and commercial—all these elements are brought together by a common resentment at the continued intrusion of their former allies. The Army resents the presence of the foreign advisers on the grounds of prestige, the traditionalists distrust the revolutionary ideas which so closely resemble Bolshevism and atheism while big business fears the new etatism which threatens to squeeze it out.

German Penetration

It has already been said that the Spanish totalitarians are the instrument of foreign Powers that are using them for furthering their own ends—strategical, political and economic. In this respect the Germans, as usual, have far outstripped their Italian rivals.

Being less concerned with Spain as a potential military ally than as a source of valuable raw materials, Germany has been able to concentrate on its economic exploitation, and in this field she has shown the ruthless thoroughness with which the world is familiar. Not content with taking the major share of Spain's foreign trade, she also aims at acquiring even greater control of its production. In many ways the foundation of Germany's economic power in Spain is the controlled exchange. By virtue of this,

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FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, AUGUST 25, 1939

"DO be kind and hold my arm," she had said, almost in a whisper. That and the way she had strolled with him, her shoulder just touching his, had misled him.

He was a good raconteur. His stories about women—with names, dates and places left out, of course—were varied and entertaining. But this story he never told.

He was a good raconteur, just as he was a fine tennis player—almost in the first class—an admirable skater, and a beautiful dancer. So, drifting from place to place, and usually as the guest of some one or other, his year was full.

He had never been to Etretat before. He would never come again, he decided. He had been lured there by the tennis tournament. And he had come there alone—on the chance. But the other players had driven off to Havre each night, and no one had taken any notice of him. Never had he seen a place so lacking in chances. There were very young girls, dozens and dozens of them, but they seemed interested only in half-fledged youths. The casino from eight o'clock to midnight was like a children's party. And as for the married women, all seemed to have husbands!

He had dined late, and sat there discreet, well turned out, sipping his coffee. In a restaurant he never smoked unless he were in a party. For to be sheltering behind a cigar or cigarette seemed to him to suggest a slight lack of assurance.

Now he got up, gave a scarcely necessary touch to the wings of his

"DO BE KIND"

The young man drifted again, this time across the room, "Good evening."

The elder man paused. "Good evening to you," he answered pleasantly enough, but without any definite sign of recognition.

"That was a pretty tough proposition—that Spaniard I was up against this afternoon."

"Rather. Yes." The old man seemed anxious to get away.

"Dull place this, you know, when one hasn't got a partner."

"Exactly."

He had reached the door of the ballroom. The young man was still with him. "I suppose you know most of the people here?"

"A certain number."

"Jolly being with a party. Which is yours?"

The possible general watched the cigarette smoke drifting up in lazy coils through beams of green light.

"I don't know whether you'd care to join us at our table . . ."

The young man looked down the knife-like crease of his trousers.

"That's extraordinarily kind."

"My daughters have been giving a party. Mostly schoolgirls, they seem. This way." They steered their course between the crowded tables. "Awfully sorry, but don't quite remember your name. So difficult when . . ."

balance. But she did not and allowed him to extricate her without a falter in their time.

"A near shave," he whispered.

The girl laughed softly.

He moved his hand upon her waist, "You seem to sink your own will altogether. I can't explain . . ."

"I just think of what is in my partner's mind."

"Do you know what he's thinking of now?"

"Yes."

"Aren't you vain?"

The music ceased. For a moment longer than he need, he kept his hold of her. But, when he let her go, she did not draw altogether away from him. They reached the table and sat down.

"Thank you," she whispered.

"For nothing, mademoiselle," he laughed back, softly.

For a little she talked to a girl on her other side.

"A cigarette?" he asked when she turned.

"I've never tried."

He leaned towards her on his elbows. "Don't you ever try things . . . just to find out whether you'll like them?"

"I don't get the chance to make many experiments." There was in her voice a certain pathos, he thought. She sat calm, hand on the table, lips just parted, grey eyes wide, and gazing straight before her. A strange girl, he thought, curiously aloof. They danced again. Then the orchestra laid down their instruments and trooped away for a rest. Chairs were thrust back and a crowd streamed out on to the terrace.

"Shall we go out, too?" he asked, keeping the touch of his arm against her shoulder.

"It would be rather nice."

He led her out into the glimmering secrecy of the night. From beyond the sound of feet on the concrete came the lazy murmur of the sea. She paused. "I love still nights like this. Listen. You can hear the people passing backwards and forwards on the terrace. Some are almost dancing as they go. They are still thinking of the ballroom. Then there are others, lingering steps, those are pairs interested in each other."

"What a funny girl it is," he laughed, and as if by accident he altered his balance till he touched her bare shoulder.

She did not draw back from him. "One can recognise almost everything by sound, can't one?"

"I expect one can. Let's go over there . . . out of everyone's way," he added.

The girl nodded. "I hate crowds, they frighten me."

He slipped his fingers inside her arm.

"Ah," she whispered "you are so understanding."

Together they strolled away towards the further end of the terrace. They were alone. The voices of the other promenaders had sunk into a soft confusion of sound.

"It's very beautiful . . . here . . . with you," he said.

The girl by his side had her hand on the rail. Overhead the sky was powdered with stars. "Yes," she said "It's lovely to listen to the waves . . ." They seem to sip at the shore. They pause. They sigh. Then they sip again.

For a while they stood in silence. Then from the ballroom came the patter and blare of music. "We must go back," he said.

His hand lightly on her shoulder, they strolled along the now empty terrace. Where the wide steps led down to the beach he checked.

"Can't we go down there?" he asked "Just for a minute . . ."

"I can't. No . . . no . . ."

"Is that one of the experiments you don't make?"

"I don't think I could."

"Come on," he urged and drew her forward. Slowly they descended the stairs. The shadows rose round them and closed over their heads. On the lowest step the girl stopped and stood motionless.

"The tide must be very high tonight," she murmured.

She is a queer child, he thought, a trusting little thing. Really it seems rather a shame. Still, she didn't seem to mind. Even now he could feel the faint touch of her shoulder.

"Come," he said, and slipping his arm around her he gathered her to him.

"What are you doing?" She was frightened.

He tilted up her face and kissed her lips. With a frantic movement she broke away and stumbled to the further side of the steps.

"You beast!" She clung to the railing.

The man considered her. This was nonsense. He took a step towards her. She backed against the railing.

"Keep away, you beast. If you come near, I'll call out."

He checked. He drove his hands into his pockets. She'd led him on, hadn't she? Young girls were fools. Really they weren't worth the trouble. He might have guessed. "Well, you asked me to take your arm. Eh? And you behaved all the time as if you liked my hand on you. I can't see what you've got to make such a fuss about."

She had begun to back up the steps.

"I thought . . . you . . . you understood," she said.

Then sitting down on the stairs and covering her face with her hands she began to sob. From the ballroom came a gay tune.

Presently she mastered her breathing and looked up. "It's all right," she said, "It doesn't really matter, I suppose. But I thought that, even if they hadn't told you, you must have guessed I was blind."

Short Story By Geoffrey Moss

black tie and to his crimson carnation. Then, with his hat in his hand, he strolled along the front towards the casino.

It was a gala night. But young girls had already smoothed out the Venetian characteristics of the evening, and they and their boy partners were performing their usual dances, like peas upon a drum.

He stood for a while in the doorway, looking at them. Then, turning, he sauntered into the bar. Presently he noticed the dancing professional, a small, worried Englishman.

He went across to him "You give an extraordinarily good show, if I may say so."

The professional was grateful for the praise. He and his partner did the best they could, he said. It was very difficult. What would he have? A champagne cocktail, please; with calvados. His best thanks. Cheerio! Yes, it was very difficult. He'd never try working with the French again. Na pu! Never no more. Too difficult.

The taller man offered him a cigarette. "To my mind, just as someone popping in casually, they've only one thing wrong. There isn't any one particularly interesting to dance with. Pretty low and mouldy."

The dancing professional laughed quickly, looked all at once absent-minded and nodded. "See you in the next interval. So long, old thing!" He hurried off, with his thoughts already on his difficulties.

Our friend drifted out on to the terrace; scrutinised the little parties there; looked without interest at the starlit sea; and then returned once more to the bar. What a place! Later he recognised a lean, elderly man with a white moustache—a retired general he would have wagered—who had acted as umpire in a game he had played that afternoon.

"Farquhar . . . Rollo Farquhar."

"Exactly."

They arrived before a long table at which a number of girls and a few youths were sitting, so close that their chairs were touching. They were gay and rather noisy, and one of the girls was blowing a squeaker. Their host led the way to the head of the table.

"You know Mr. Farquhar, dear?"

A grey-haired woman in black smiled. "How do you do?"

The orchestra, striking up, drowned the final words. He bowed. His hostess shook her head. "No, don't ask me to dance. I don't. Go and dance with her. Daphne, do you know Mr. Farquhar?"

The young man passed behind the other chairs to the girl at the further end of the table and took the vacant seat beside her. She smiled to him and looked before her again. She was eighteen at most, he supposed.

"Shall we dance?" he asked.

"Please. I'd like to."

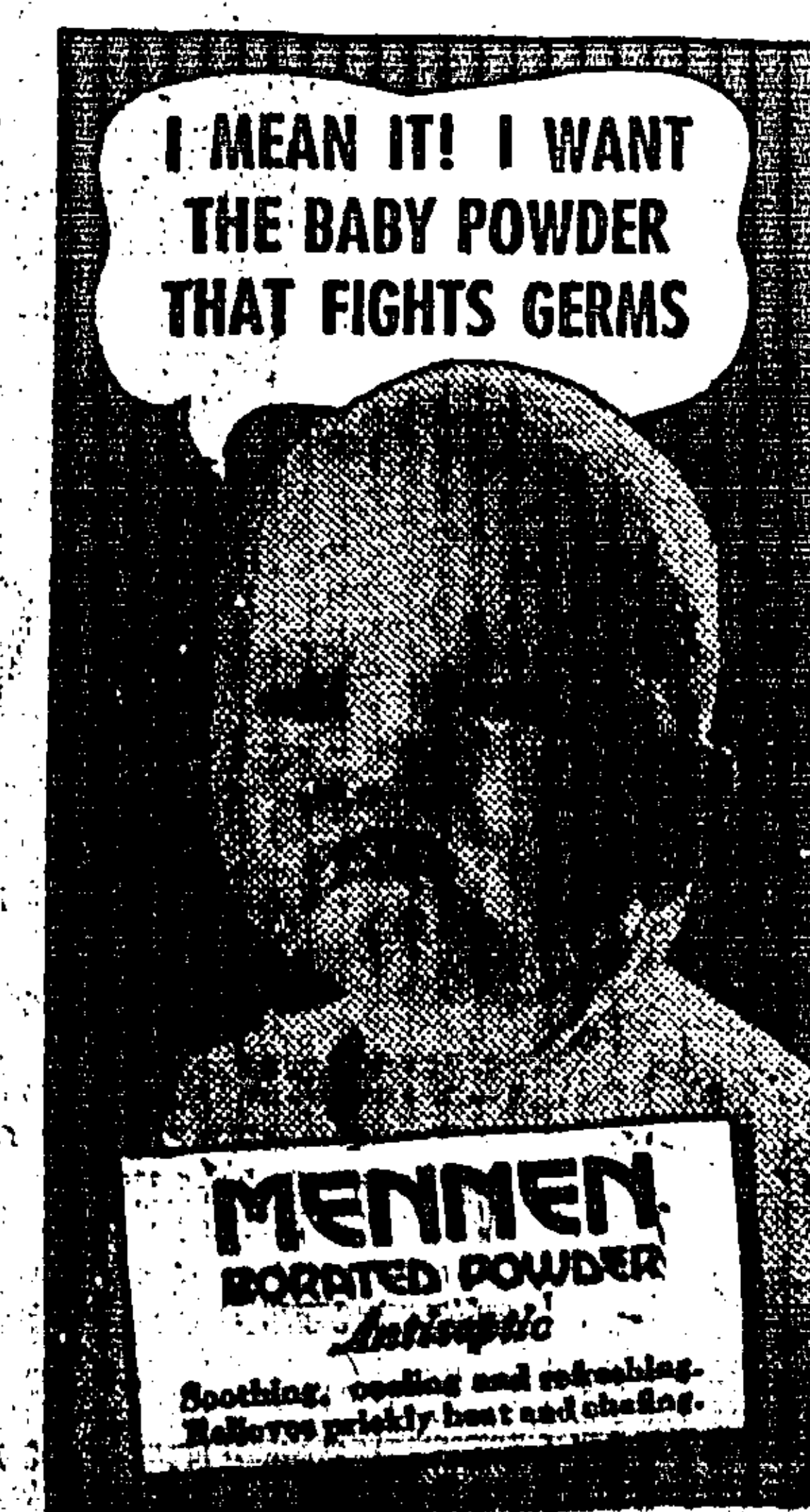
They rose. She was pliant in his arms. Well, he thought, even if he hadn't got any one very exciting, he'd got a good partner. He steered between a couple of almost stationary dancers and a chair-thrust back too far from some table. "Do you watch the tennis every afternoon now?"

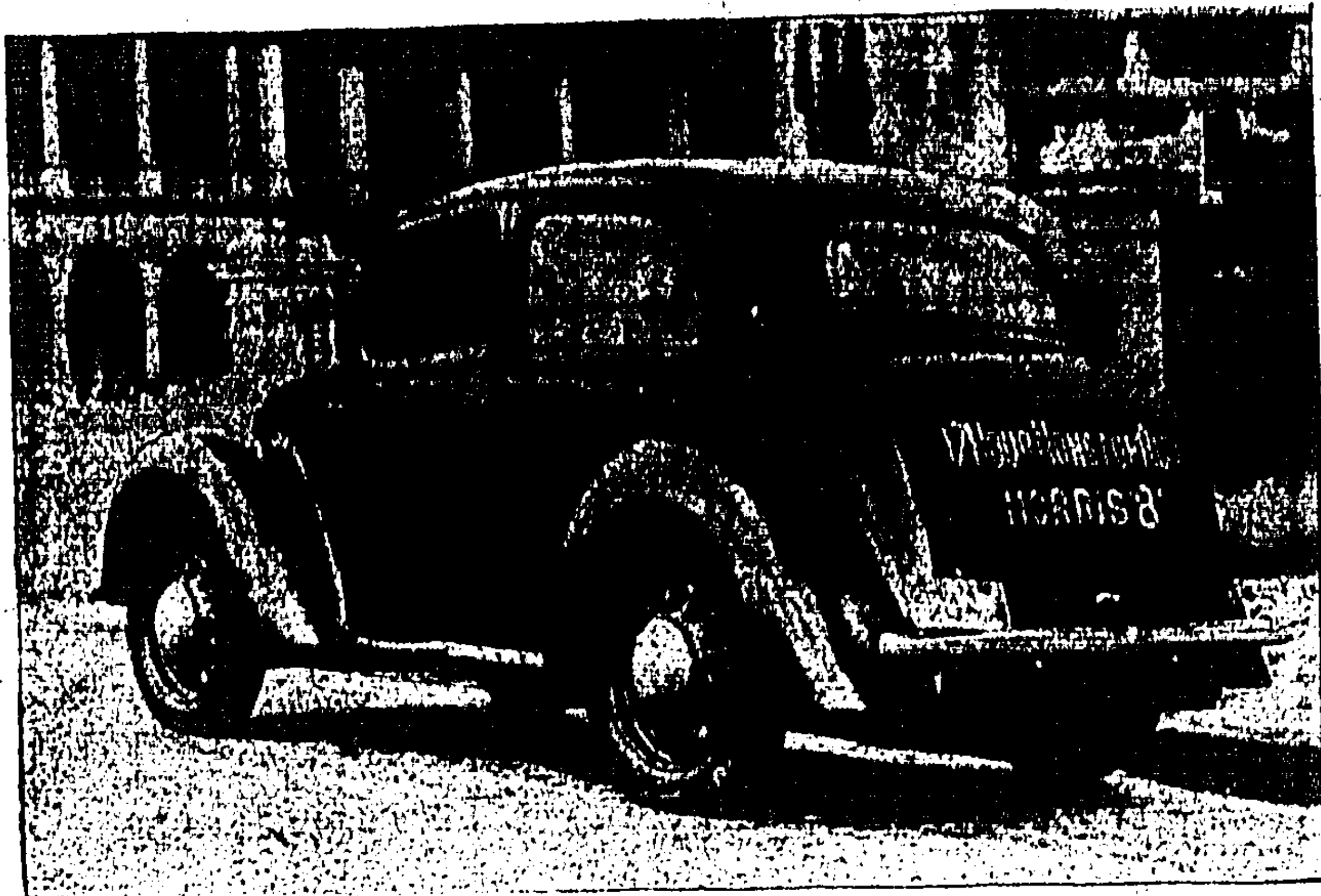
She shook her head.

"You're too busy doing other things, I suppose."

"I have to be, you see." She laughed.

In the tango which followed she was a better partner even than in the foxtrot. Indeed, he had never found any girl who surrendered herself so completely to his guidance. At one moment a clumsy couple floundered almost into her, and any other woman he knew would have drawn away and spoiled their joint





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PLUNGE

"Yes, I'm a newcomer here. We've
taken one of those houses by the
river."
"Oh, well, I hope you'll drop in
some day."

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A fine action study of A. W. Grimmett, at the interport bowls practice held on Sunday at the K.B.G.C.



Mr. B. W. Bradbury "in action" during Sunday's interport bowls practice at the K.B.G.C.



A section of the crowd at the interport bowls practice at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.



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"But, Lord Henry, isn't this rather sudden? It was only last night that I chanced to catch sight of you in Regent Street on the roof of a taxi-cab, sounding a fanfare on what appeared to be a hunting-horn."

"Don't remind me of it, Meredith. If you only knew how I feel. Not a morsel of food has passed my lips since a brace of devilled bones at three a.m."

"I am indeed sorry to hear that,

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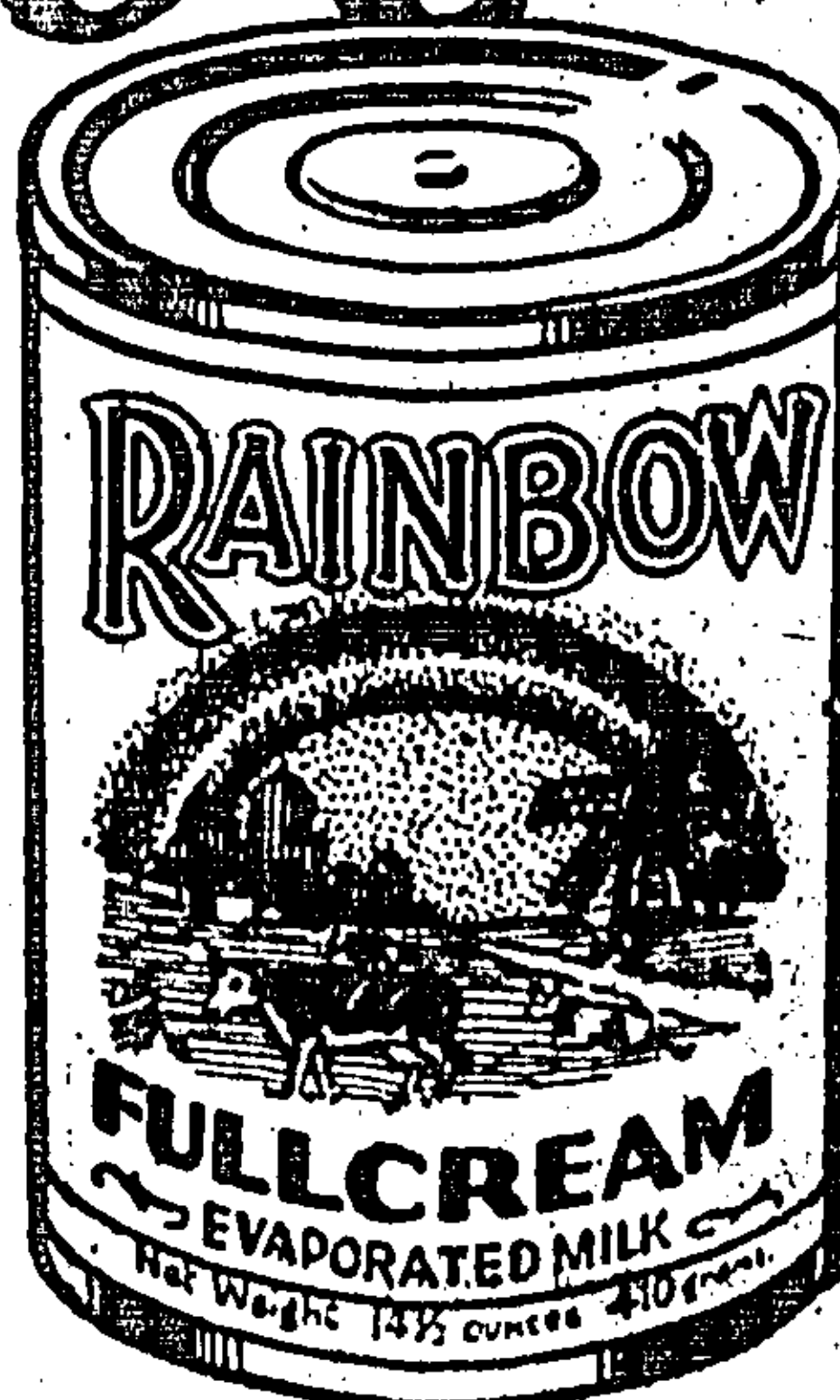
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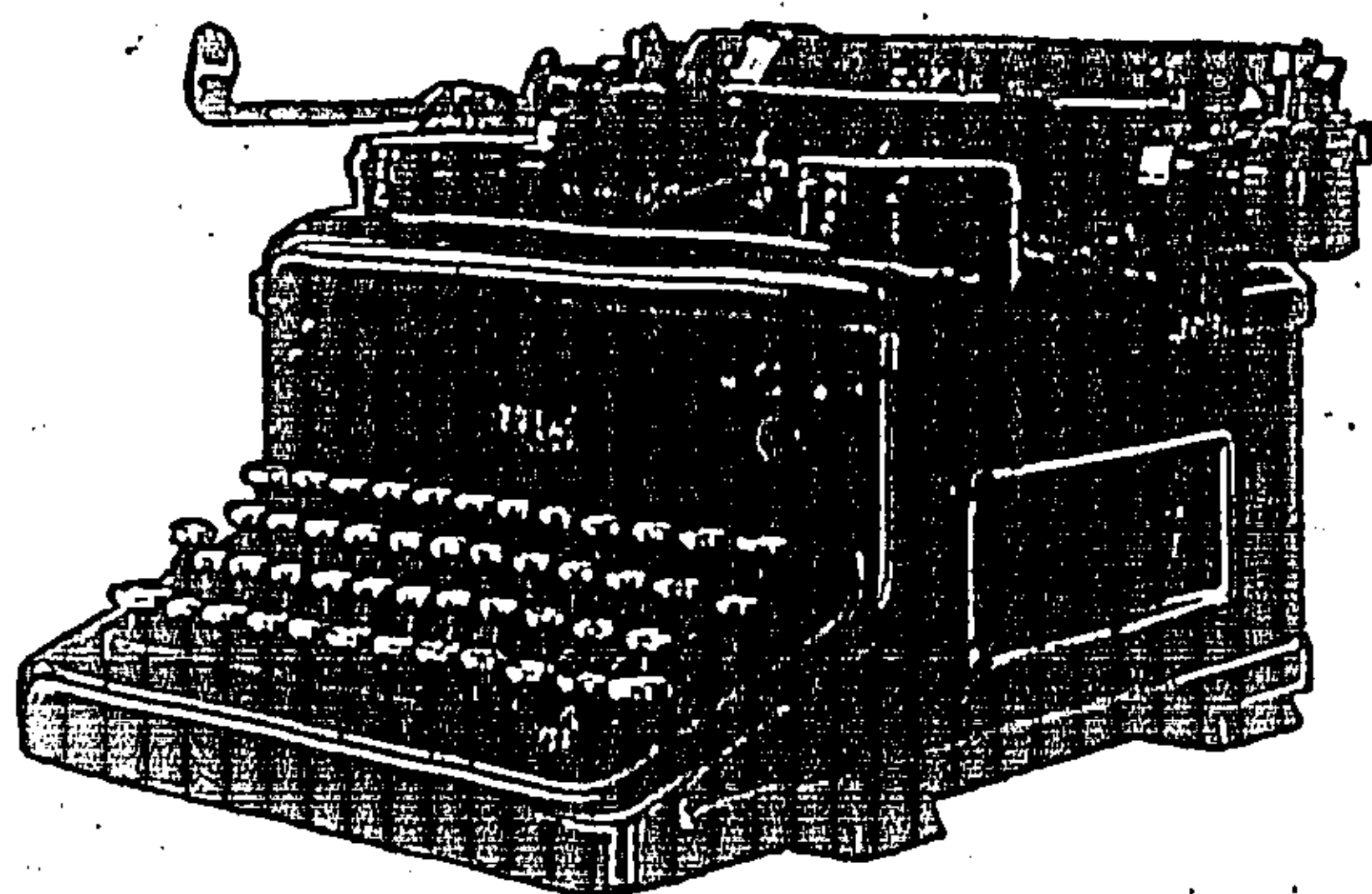
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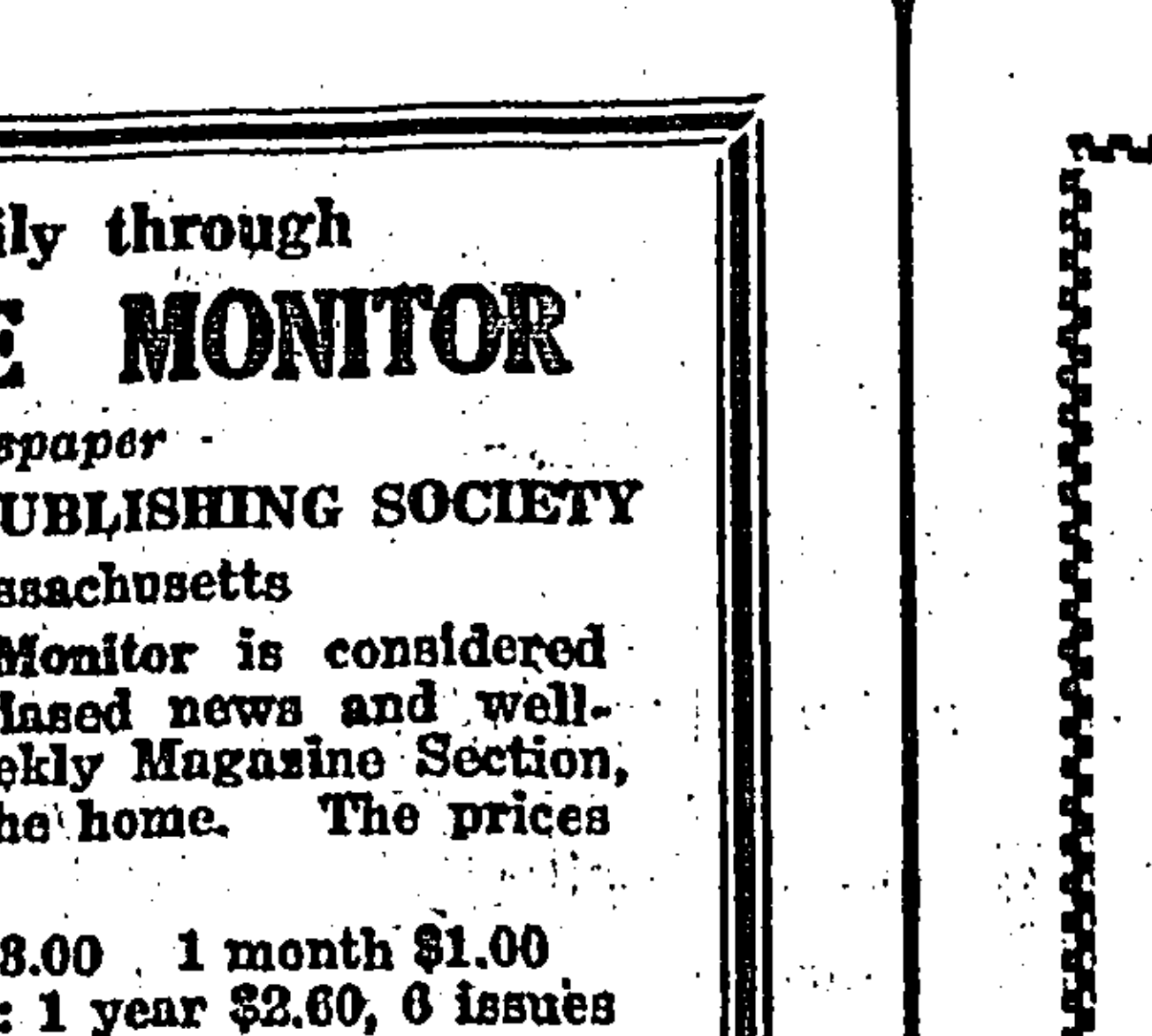
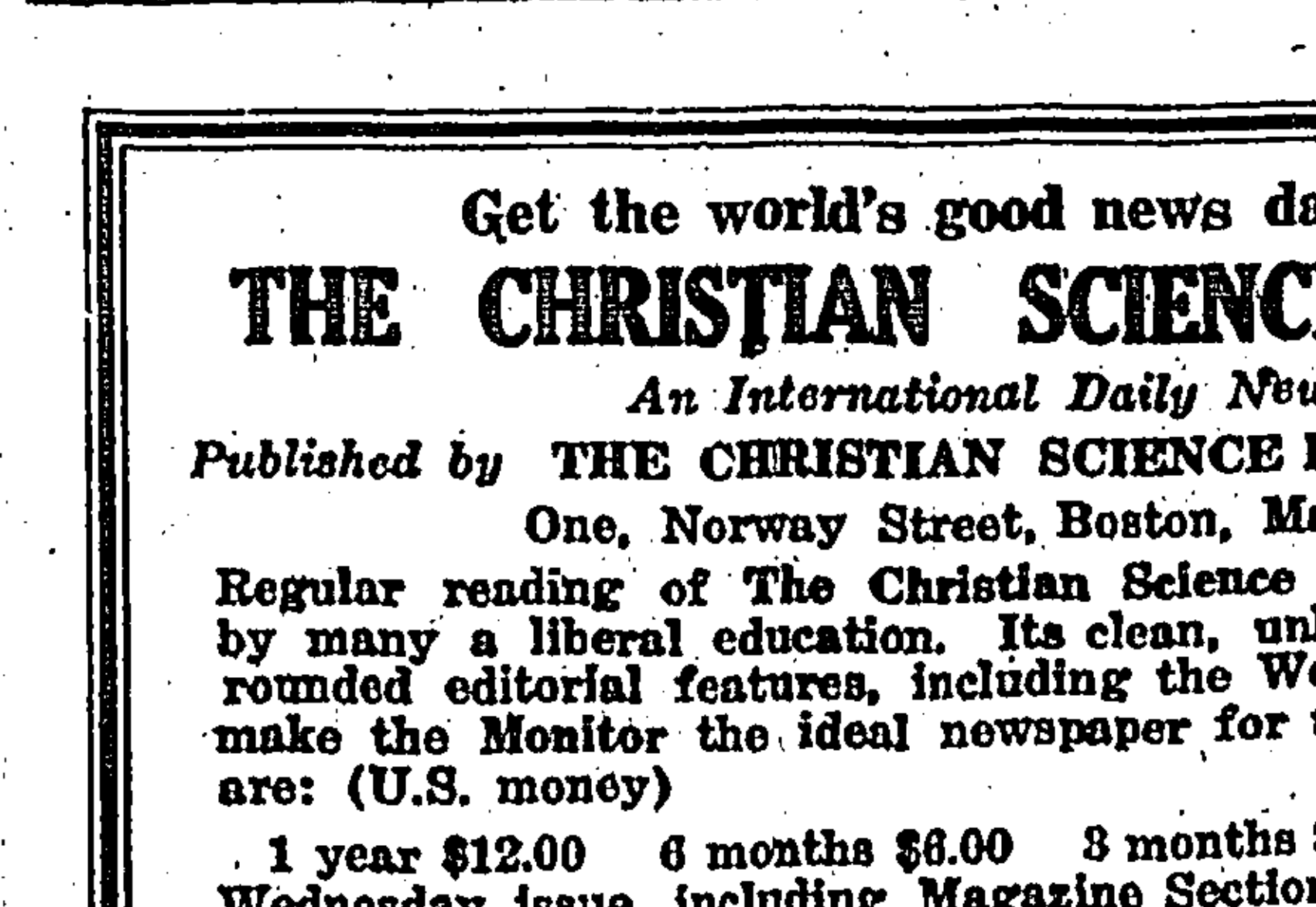
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LOVE: A Letter To My Son

Mr. Dear Son.—When you grow up you will be surrounded by cynics who will lose few opportunities of telling you that love is a disease which, like measles, must be got out of the system as early as possible. But there will be others, rabid sentimentalists, who will tell you that unless you are in love, your life is empty and futile. Rather winsomely they look upon life as one long "Wedding March"

I think you'll find that both of these points of view are extreme. The cynics are right to some extent. Love can be a very obtrusive emotion. It can riddle your heart and soul and brain with worry, doubt, and unbelievable hell. It can put off your work, off your play, and off your balance. But remember, my son, that it can never put you off your food. That's an old wives' tale!

The sentimentalists are also right to some extent. For love can raise

you to strange heavens. It can stimulate, thrill, inspire, and also soothe you. You will enjoy life quite a lot when you are out of love; but you may find that you will enjoy it far more when you are in love.

Anyway, you will find that love will play an important part in your life, so you may as well be reconciled to the fact and get to know something about it.

When you are about seventeen you will probably fall in love for the first time. You'll undoubtedly moon around and wallow alternately in ecstasy and misery; write passionate and very bad verse in the near-Byron strain; you'll spend a lot of money you can't afford (or that I can't afford!) on chocolates and cinemas for your fluffy-haired little enchantress. Then, suddenly, you'll get over it and, deciding that love is a myth possibly, and a darned nuisance certainly, turn to your career.

At least, I hope you will.

I hope you'll fall in and out of love quite a lot when you are young, providing you don't commit the fatal error of marrying young. Marriage and love are considerably bound up together, though not entirely, as the sentimentalists would have us believe. But marriage and calf-love should be poles apart, if happiness is your goal.

It is when you reach your mid-twenties, and possibly have a little money of your own and prospects of making considerably more, that you will again turn to love, this time with rather more knowledge but with no less caution.

How, you will want to know, can you be sure that you are in love? That is a question which has puzzled many people for many years. Some say that you know by instinct — that your entire life is coloured by Her presence. Such people are the disciples of Love at First Sight. They believe that love at first sight can happen, and skate skilfully and cowardly over the timid suggestion that it might only be infatuation.

You'll probably 'fall in love at first sight' once or twice, my son, but I doubt very much whether you will marry the girl. Personally, I think you'll find that love is a much slower process, flowering often from the seeds of indifference. First you like a person, then you realise that mentally and phy-

have probably suffered a great deal of torment and heartache. You will find that She-who-is-all-Adorable can also be very disappointing. The obvious fact that you worship the very ground on which her dainty little brogues walk won't prevent her from being temperamental, inexplicable, petulant and, at times, unutterably wearisome.

But, cheer up, my son, because you will certainly be equally tiresome yourself. . . .

It's useless for me to attempt to analyse love for you (when you grow up and if you find the secret I hope you'll be charitable enough to tell your father!) but this is my guess.

If you can quarrel with a girl and find delight in making it up; if you can recognise her many little irritating ways and yet accept them as part of her; if you can get an excited feeling of satisfaction just by introducing her to your friends; and if the room suddenly appears to be very empty when she walks out of it, then almost certainly the love-bug will have bitten you. And life will take on a new savour.

Just one word of advice. Try your level best not to tell a woman that you love her if you are merely playing with words. No man deliberately wants to hurt a woman and I know of no surer way of bruising her very heart and soul than by lying to her about a subject which is usually very precious to her.

I envy you the love that is in store for you, but you will be very wise to decide that, however deep and consuming it is, it must never be allowed to interfere or distort that love that you will have for your mother. I said at the beginning of this letter that you will be surrounded by sentimentalists . . . but that's one thing they will probably never remember to tell you. Yet it's most important because it is so sincere. Every man has an infinite capacity for love in him; he is a wise man who recognises that the love of his mother never seeks to destroy his genuine love for the woman of his choice, rather it seeks to share it.

Your affectionate Father.
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By
Horace Richards

sically you have a lot in common; then, gradually, you realise that the little pleasures you used to enjoy on your own become infinitely more delightful when shared by Her. And, finally, if you get it terribly badly, you will decide that there is no pleasure in doing anything unless She is with you.

That's when most folks get married.

But please don't think that it affects everybody exactly like that. Men, particularly, often have great affection for a girl and yet feel reluctant to give up all their own interests and live in her pocket. We men are funny that way. You may still be in love but it will be a sane, slightly-detached love rather than one of those breathless, undying passions which are invariably fated to fade almost as soon as the first few months of married life are over.

It's my opinion, my son, that your sane, slightly-detached love is a much better basis for marriage. No man has the stamina to remain the Perfect Cavalier day in, day out, year in, year out. The anticlimax, when he reverts to type and becomes just a normal human being, is apt to be severe on the girl.

Yes, when you grow up you will probably ask, as Noel Coward asked in 'Bitter Sweet' . . . What is love? Is it some consuming flame; part of the moon, part of the sun, part of a dream, barely begun?

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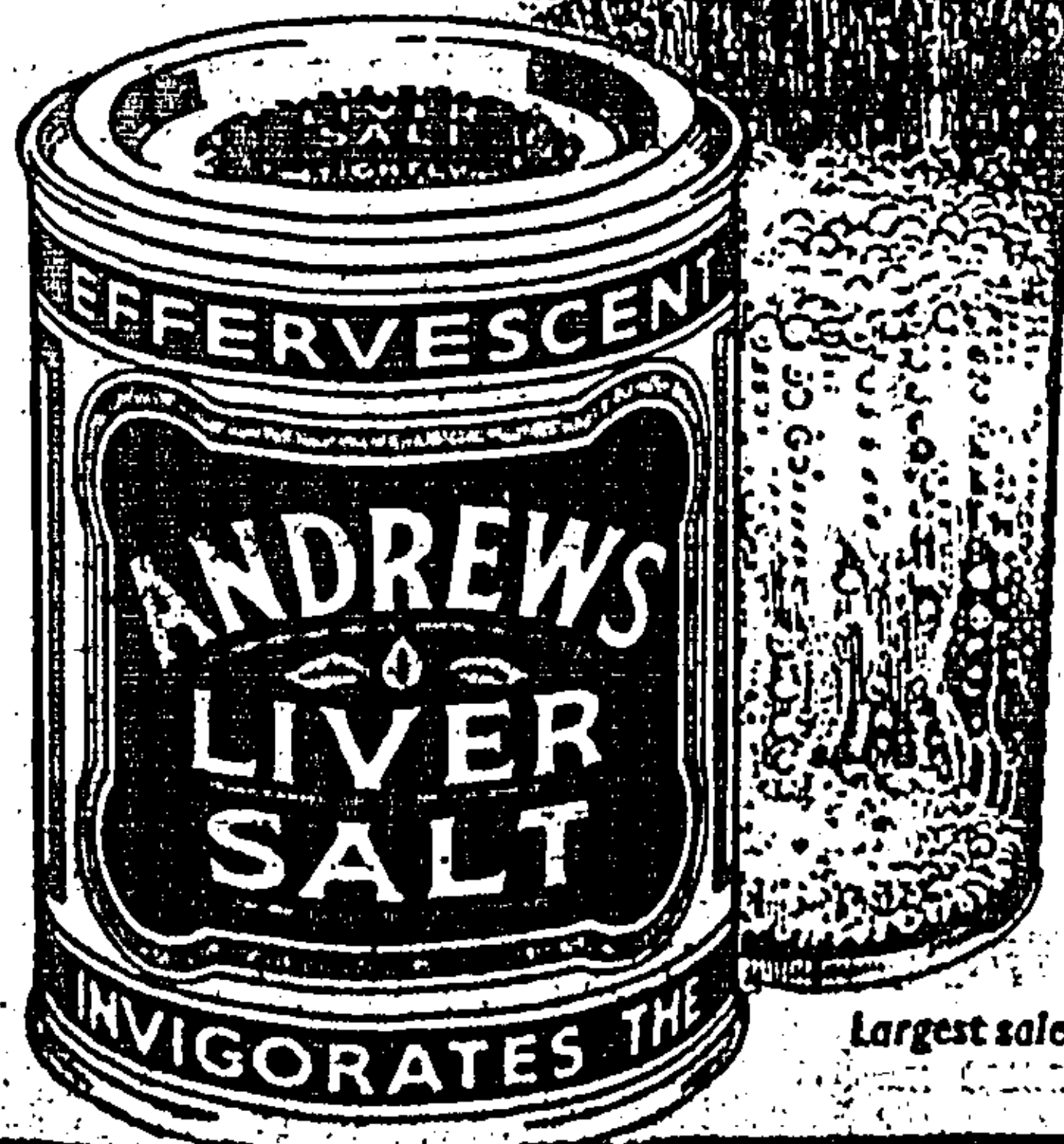
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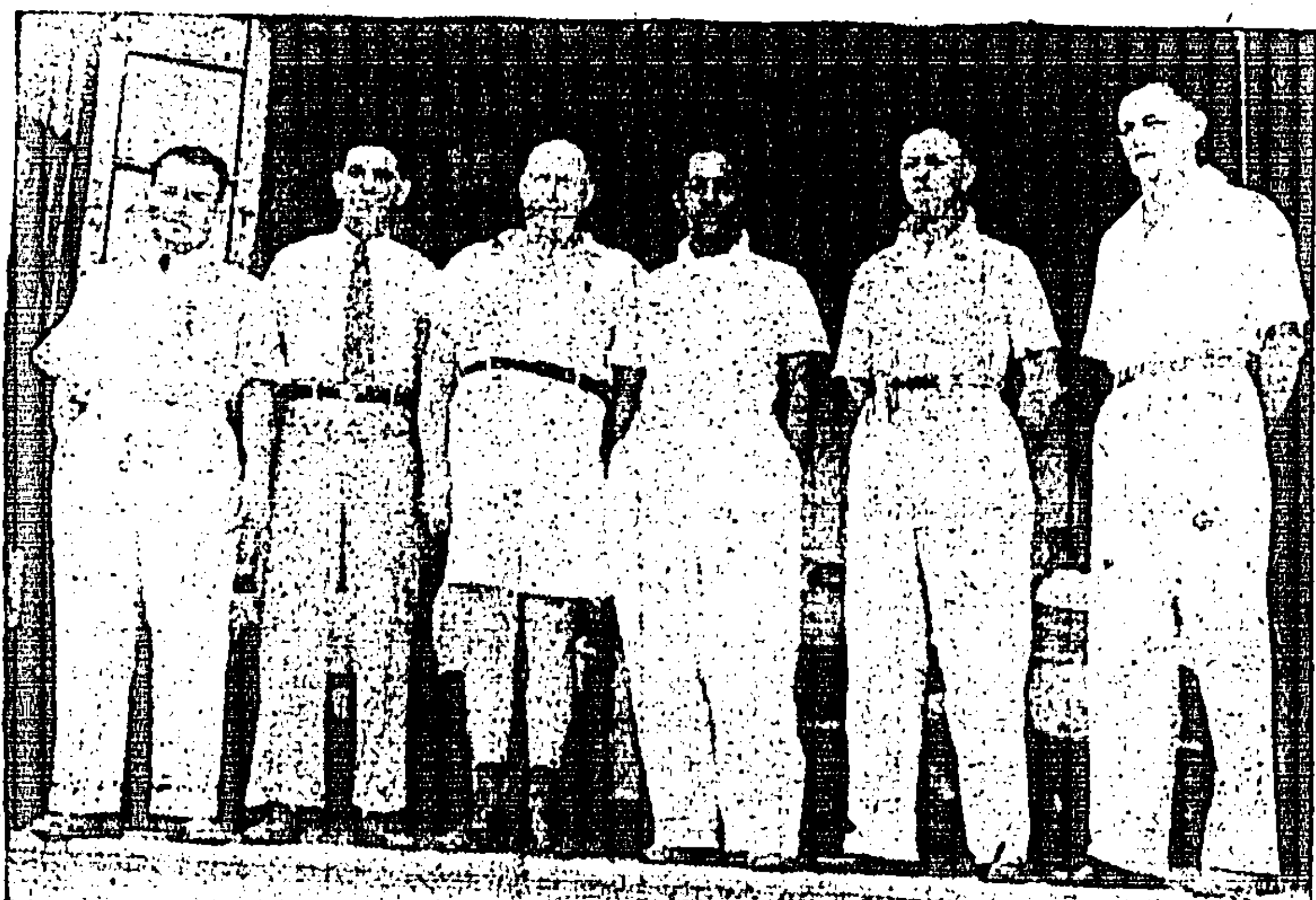
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The C.R.C. and H.K.C.C. tennis teams, taken during the match on Monday on the C.R.C. grounds.



Among those at Repulse Bay last Sunday was Miss Reeve—not to mention the surf-board.



Members of the Interport team, taken at the practice in the K.B.G.C. on Sunday last.

CABBAGES AND KINGS

STRATEGY

Officer—"Now tell me, what is your idea of strategy?"

Boot—"It's when you're out of ammunition, but keep right on firing."

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SERVICE

Diner—"Have you any wild duck?"

Waiter—"No, sir, but we can take a tame one and irritate it for you."

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A doctor wished to send a bottle of medicine to a patient, so he called a boy and asked him to deliver it, telling him to call next morning, when he would reward him.

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Doctor—"Did you leave the medicine?"

Boy—"Yes, sir, and he has taken it."

Doctor—"How do you know he has taken it?"

Boy—"Well, sir, when I passed the house this morning all the blinds were down."

MATCH

Mike—"That's a queer pair of stockings you have on, Pat—one red and the other green."

Pat—"Yes, and I've another pair like it at home."

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FUTILE

Teacher Tourist—"This seems to be a very dangerous precipice. It's a wonder they don't put up a warning sign."

Native—"Yes, it is dangerous, but they kept a warning sign up for two years and no one fell over, so it was taken down."

* * *

PRODIGAL SON

Jones was a bootmaker. By dint of hard saving he had managed to send his son Billy to a good school.

One afternoon Billy came into the shop.

"Father," he demanded, "I want five shillings to go to the theatre."

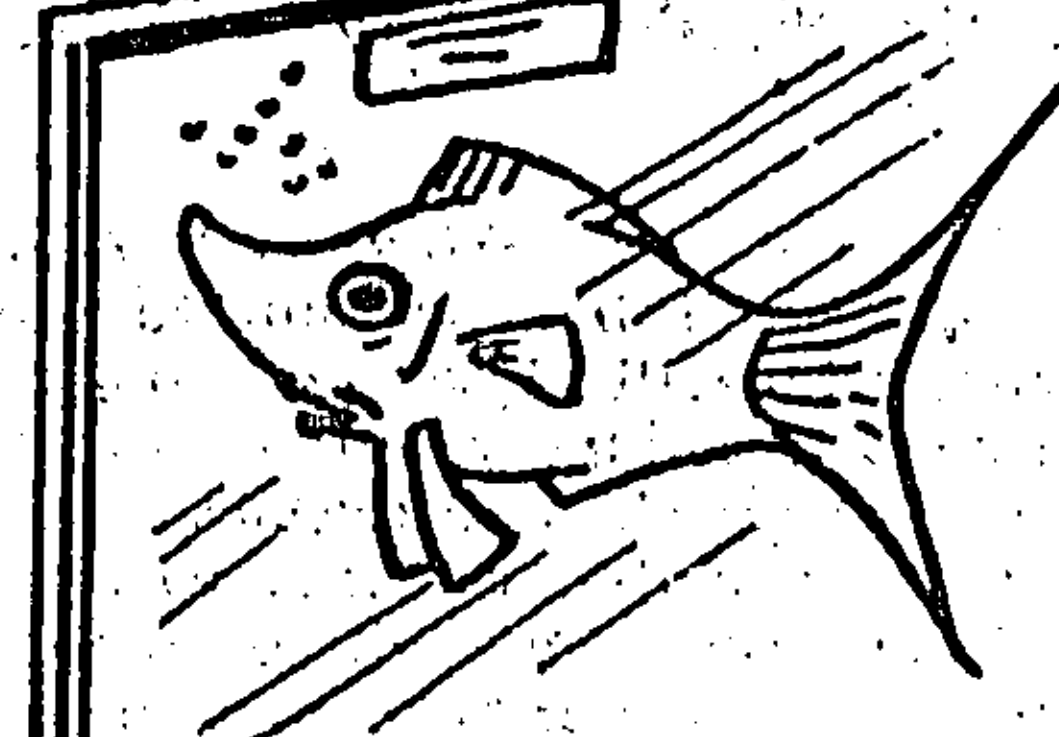
"What!" cried Jones. "Do you realize that I've got to sole and heel three pairs of shoes to make five shillings."

Billy sat down comfortably in a chair.

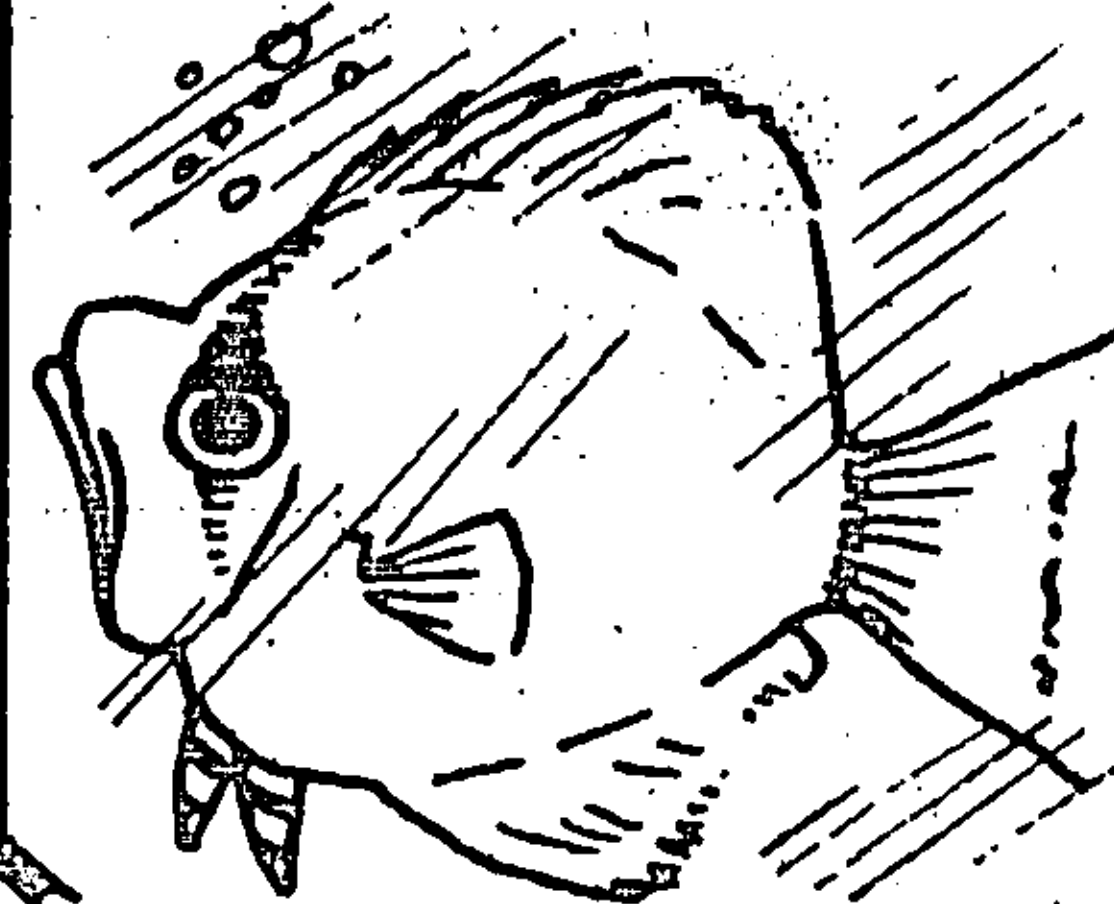
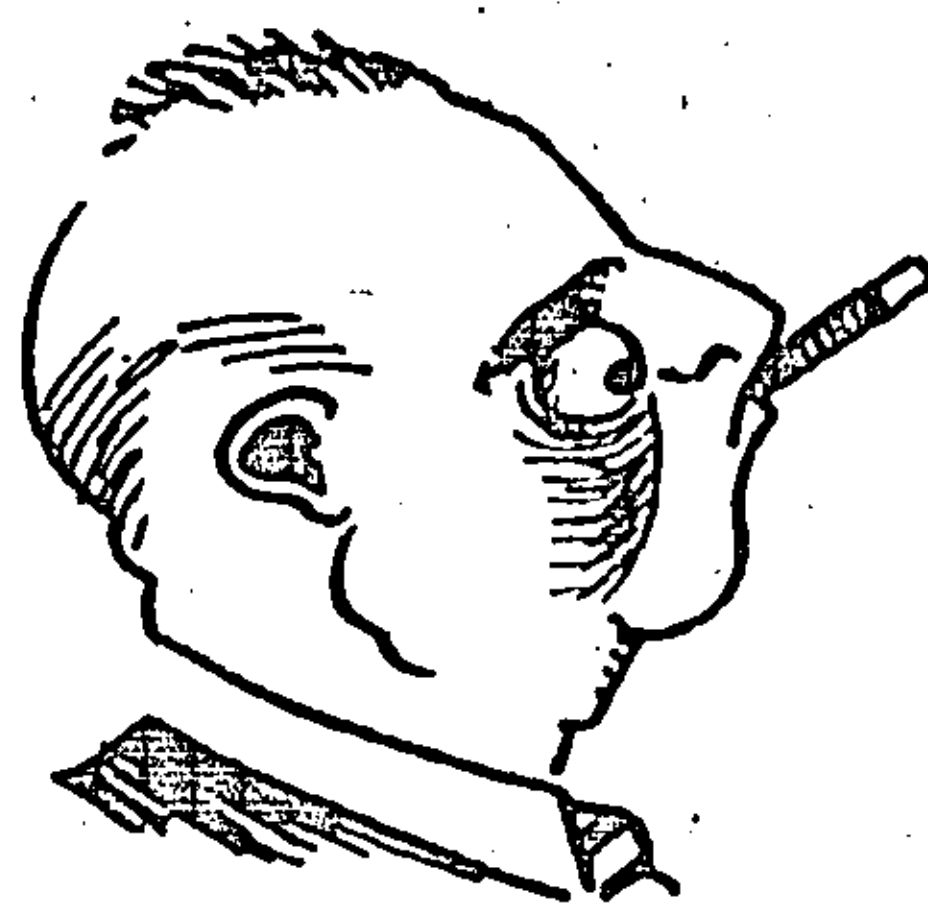
"All right, father," he said. "Go ahead, but make it snappy."

Some Hong Kong people visit the Aquarium

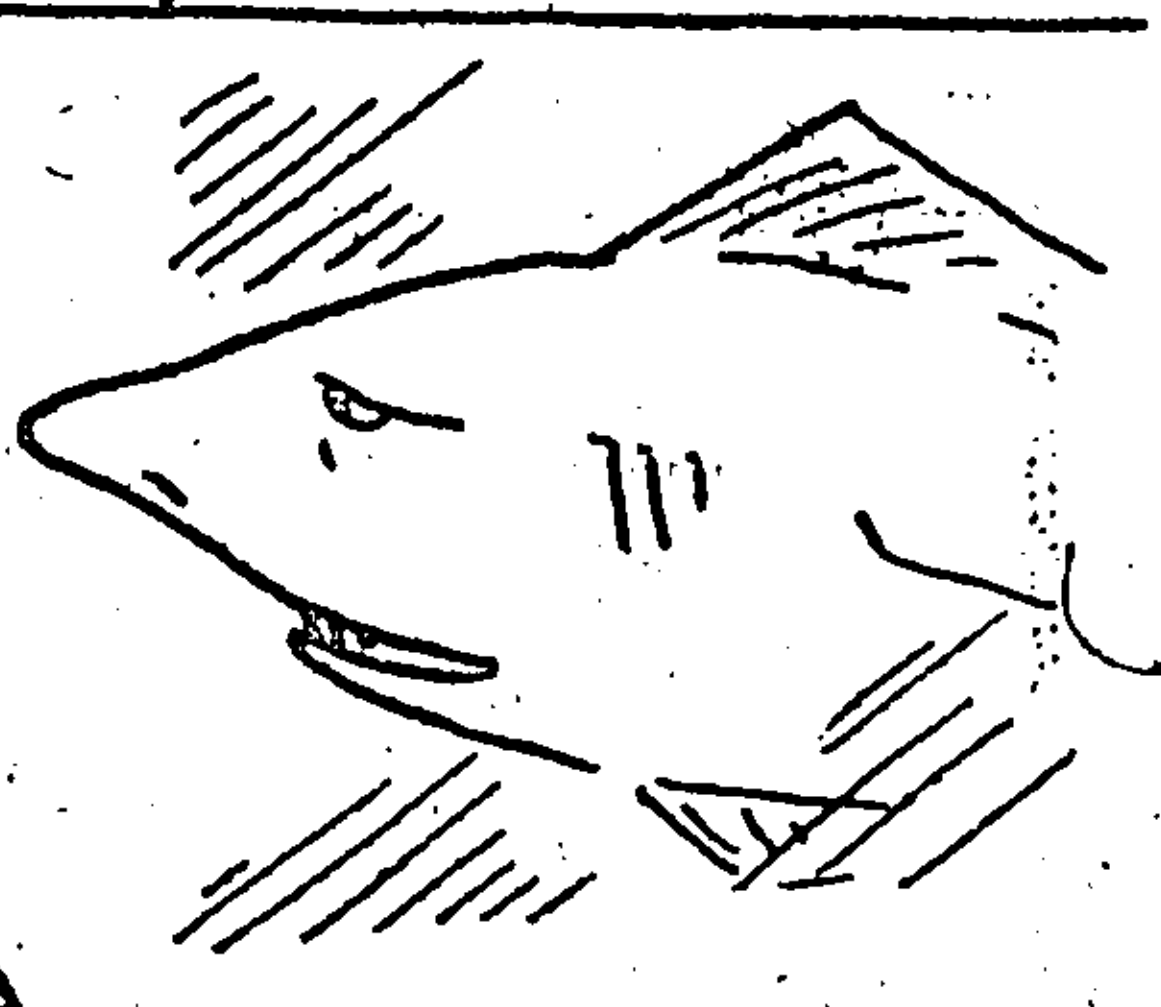
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MILITARY PROBLEM

General Burgoyne was once persuaded to listen to a young author's reading of his first play. At the conclusion of the first act, in which no fewer than thirty characters were introduced, the playwright anxiously requested the General's criticism.

"What is your military rank?" the General asked. And then, noting the young man's amazement, he continued, "If you are not a lieutenant-general at least you will never be able to conduct so numerous a company to the end of your piece."

TOO SHY

The nervous young lodger came down twice and asked his landlady for a glass of water. "Aren't you feeling well?" she asked. "Oh...er...yes. I'm quite all right," he replied, "but, as a matter of fact, my bedroom is on fire."

THE OYSTER'S LOVE-LIFE

The love-life of the oyster is very strange indeed. It starts out as a male. And sows the precious seed. As old age overtakes it, it turns into a she, Who wouldn't be an oyster On the bottom of the sea?

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

"Now, sergeant, I am concerned about the quality of the drinking water. What precautions do you take against infection?" "Well, sir, first, we boil it—" "Good." "Then we filter it—" "Excellent." "And then we drink beer."

HARDLY COMPLIMENTARY

The housewife gave the tramp a large piece of pie on condition that he should saw some wood. The tramp retired to the woodshed but presently he re-appeared at the back door with the piece of pie still intact save for one mouthful bitten from the end. "Madam," he said respectfully to the wondering woman, "if it's all the same to you, I'll eat the wood and saw the pie."

FAUX PAS

A beautiful young woman entered the outer office and asked if the manager was disengaged. "Well, he's rather busy," said the secretary, trying to be complimentary, "but he's always pleased to see pretty girls like you." "Is that so?" replied the visitor in a frozen voice. "Will you please tell him his wife wants to see him?"

DISCIPLINE ON THE FIELD

The umpire at the Saturday afternoon match didn't know much about cricket, but he wouldn't stand nonsense. The first ball hit the batsman's pads. "Out!" roared the umpire, walking up to him. "Out—what for?" "All the afternoon," replied the umpire.

POSSIBLY

It was their first visit to New York. A friend had recommended a certain restaurant where shellfish were a specialty. "Oh," said the wife after scanning the menu, "I think I'll have a dozen lobsters." "Lobsters, madam?" echoed the waiter. "Do you mean that?" "Of course she means lobsters!" The husband gave the waiter a severe look. "And you may bring me a dozen, too." In due time the waiter appeared staggering under two trays piled high with the red shellfish. He placed a dozen in front of the girl and a dozen in front of the man. The young husband looked at them aghast. So did his wife. She was the first to recover her speech. "Don't you think, dearest," she said, "that maybe it was oysters Fred told us to get?"



A group photograph taken at the K.G.B.C. last Sunday, when the interport bowls practice was held.

PREDICAMENT

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MONEY SINGS

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What of the Future?

Among the Generals the names of Aranda (now reported to be disgraced), Solchaga, Garcia Val- lino, Varela, and Davila, have been linked for a long time with the anti-totalitarian sentiment. There is also considerable religious opposition, although the Jesuits appear at the moment to be back- ing the Falange.

Most important of all there is the temperament of the Spanish people, conservative, proud, intensely indivi- dualistic. It is against this rock that the totalitarians may eventually bat- ter in vain.

Finally, of course, the future of Spain will largely depend on the de- velopment of the international situa- tion. Should war come she will strive to remain neutral. It would only be if French and British power were seri- ously threatened in the Mediterranean that she might be tempted to inter- vene in favour of the Axis.

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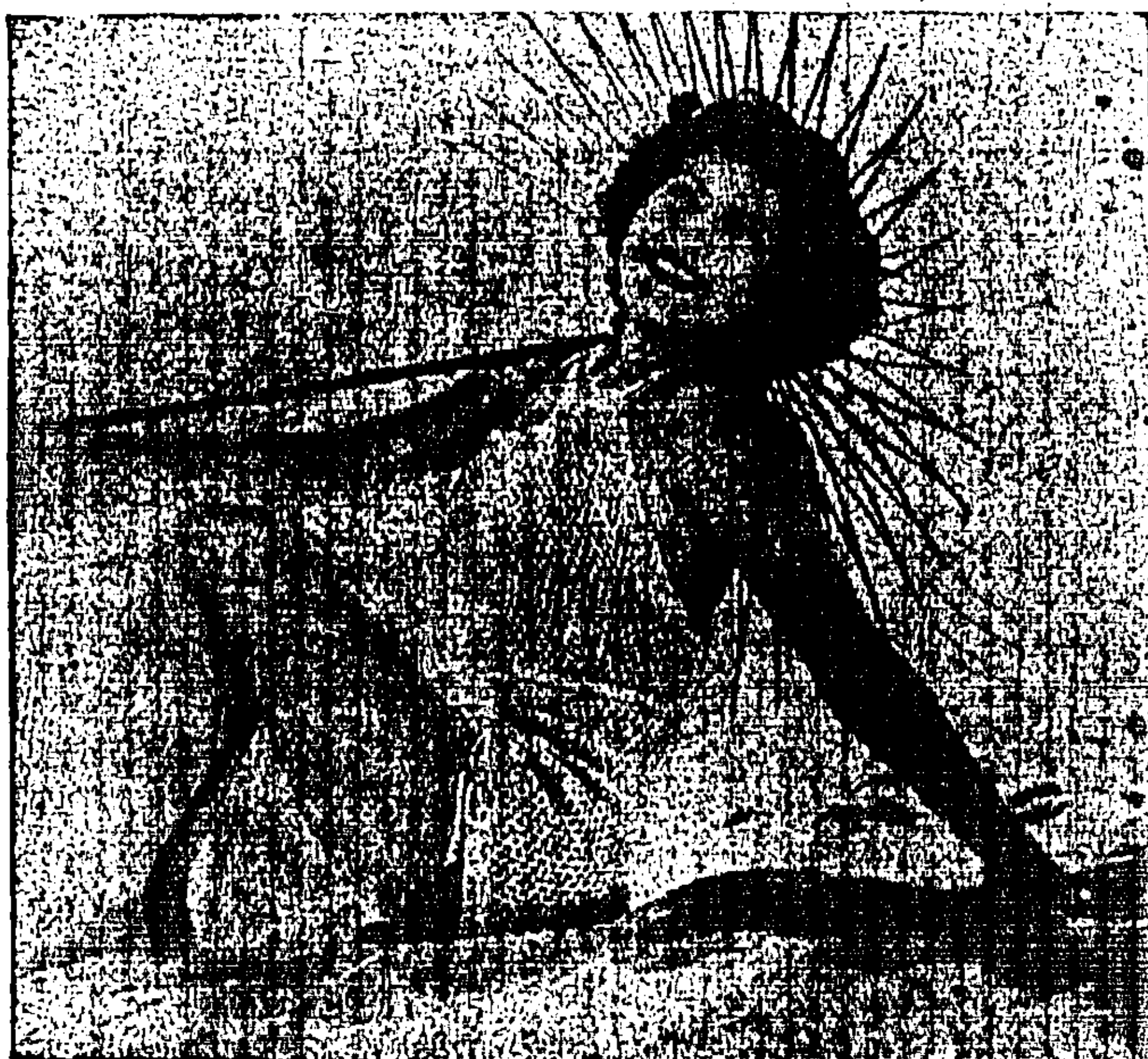
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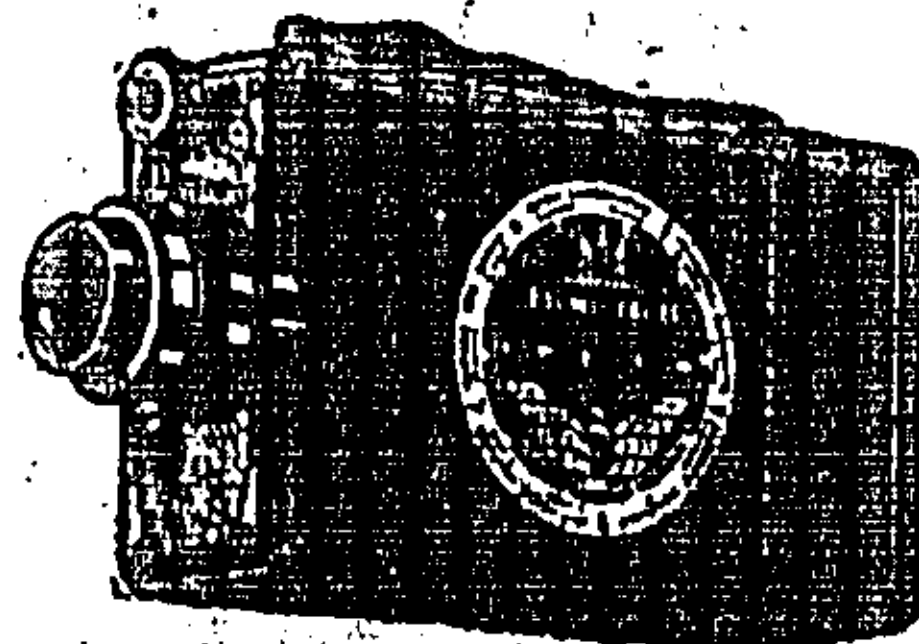
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Strengthening The Back

By DONALD LOOMIS

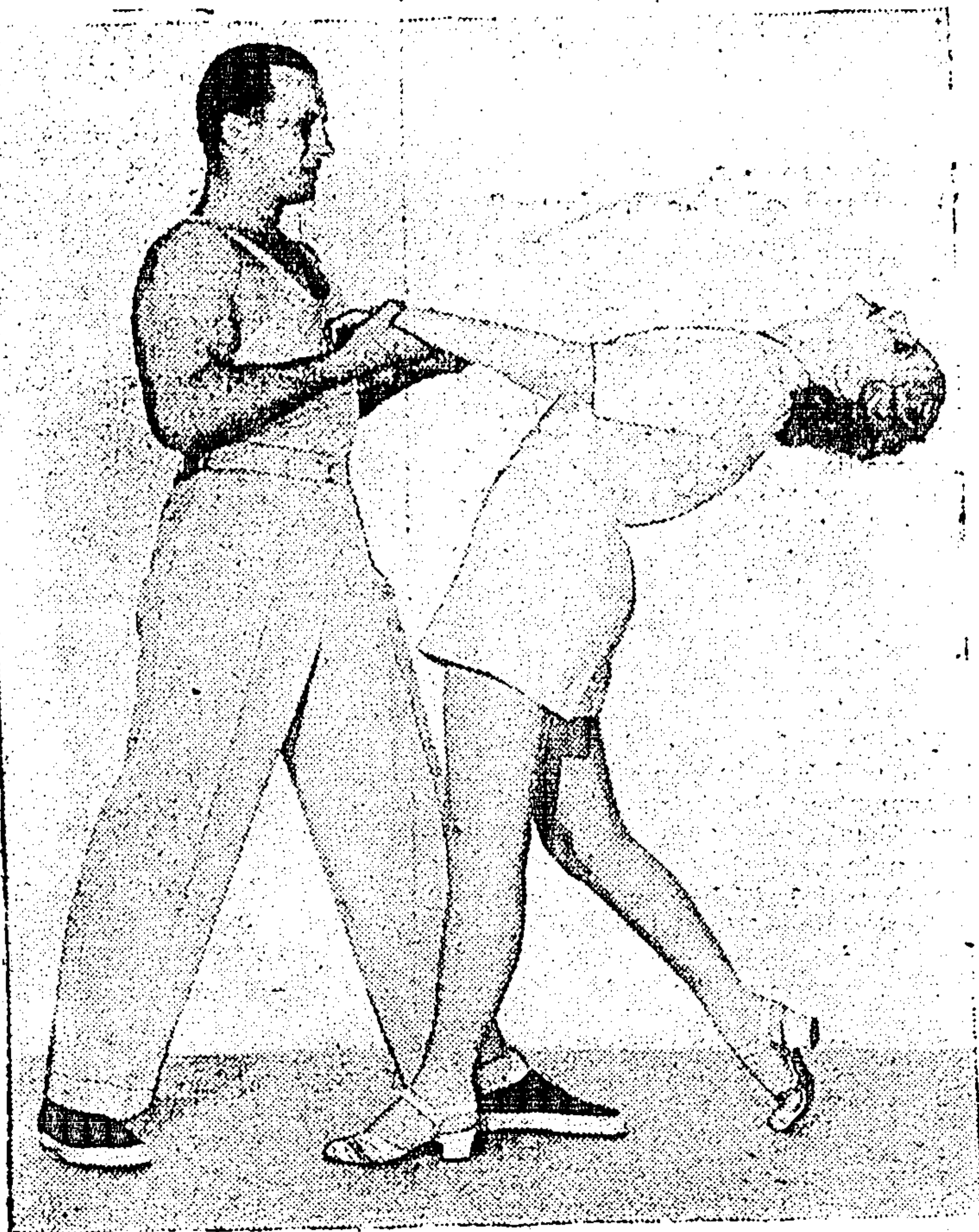
Jean Chatburn shows you an exercise for strengthening the nerves and muscles in the small of the back and around the pelvic region.

Start with one foot about 12 inches back of the other. The partner holds the girl's wrists firmly and the girl bends back against his resistance; when she comes up and forward again, he resists so that she has to force her movement.

The usual fault I find with girls who are sent to me directly after being signed to a contract is that they let their muscles get soft and flabby. They are out of condition.

I give them an examination, take their measurements and determine where they need attention.

One little girl of 13 was sent to me because the studio thought her bust



Mr. Loomis is physical director of the stars at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios. He has charge of such stars as Joan Crawford, Jeanette MacDonald, Norma Shearer, Robert Taylor, Clark Gable and Robert Montgomery.

too large for so young a child. I found, however, that her hips were too large, she had a protruding stomach and a large rib-box. The way she carried herself made it seem that her bust was too prominent, but when she had learned to carry herself properly, had trimmed weight from hips and stomach and waistline, she looked lovely.

Weight is a relative matter. Girls may have small, medium or large

bones which will cause a variance in weight not affected by height or age.

A large-boned girl of 15 to 18 years of age, who is, let us say, 5 feet 3 inches tall, should have the following measurements:

Height, 5 feet 3 inches; weight, 120 pounds; ankle, 9 to 10 inches; wrist, 6½ to 7½ inches; neck, 13 inches; bust, 36 inches; waist, 25 inches; hips, 36 inches; thigh, 22¾ inches; calf, 13¾ inches; upper arm, 10¾ inches.

This is a girl whose bones weigh quite heavily.

As a general rule, for the average-boned woman, weight can be reckoned in this fashion. Allow 100 pounds for the first five feet of height. Then multiply the number of inches over five feet by 5½ and add this sum to the 100 pounds. Thus a girl with average weight bones would weigh, if she were 5 feet 3 inches tall, 116½ pounds.

I try not to make exercises too much of a grind. When any exercise begins to seem tiresome or monotonous, stop doing it and find something different and more interesting that will correct the figure fault.

Next — Waistline

A New Button-Front Tailored

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Witty Kitty



The mentally sketchy girl-friend says when her boy-friend talks in circles she just follows him around.

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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Regardless of what business you are in, or whether your activities are confined to household duties, give your work careful consideration before starting it this day, so that inefficiency will not make it burdensome. Yielding to a temptation to try to bluff your way into or out of something will only involve you in a lot of trouble. Many persons may be inclined to be domineering, with the result that the peace of many homes and offices will be disrupted by internal strife. It is advisable not to go around with too serious face, or looking like you are about to "bite nails" this day, for it might spoil not only your own pleasure, but other people's as well. A pleasant countenance can help you in many ways. Married and engaged couples, and those whose love and devotion is centered upon one person, must be sure that any advice they offer is sound and practical, for through foolish suggestions many men and women will be led astray this day.

If a woman and August 25 is your birthday, beware that a love for intrigue does not involve you in many unpleasant complications. Develop a sense of loyalty, if you wish to retain the friendship and love of close associates and relatives. Do not underrate any service you render or place too small a value on your time and labour. Self-depreciation is often one of the most serious faults of people born on this date. You are probably well qualified to teach, paint, engage in some line of theatrical or literary work, as well as act as a sales representative. You seem destined to know the joys of a happy married life, as the result of marrying the right type of man.

The child born on August 25 needs congenial companionship by having children of its own age to play with. Loneliness can have a decided effect upon this youngster's disposition. If children born on this date are given only half a chance they generally make a place for themselves in the world's affairs.

To-Tan Or Not To Tan Is Up To You

Most authorities, and beauty specialists seem to put a collective foot down on toasting our skins to chocolate brown during the summer holidays! Say they: it takes months to recondition skin which has been tanned deeply; your skin can get too dry and too tough to be reconditioned; pores are likely to enlarge under constant exposure to the sun as they relax and stretch, and you clog them with oils and creams so they remain clogged and stretched; it is thought that women over twenty-five should not sun-tan their faces deliberately; that eye wrinkles, and forehead wrinkles deepen as the skin is robbed of its natural lubrication by the sun.

Of course, most of us agree that a light honey tan can be very attractive, and if you stop there, you will do little damage to your skin. But most

the harmful rays and are excellent. (One of these gains favour each season and is by now so famous that you probably have used it, or had your wee offspring use it.)

"A sunburn preventative to function efficiently, must somehow interfere with, or prevent, the ultraviolet rays from reaching the dermis. Three types of products, based on three different theories are offered women and men. (1) Those which deflect light or act as mechanical barriers to turn back the rays so they will not reach the skin. . . . (2) Materials which convert the character of the rays to render them innocuous, by altering their wave-lengths or partially absorbing them. . . . (3) Preparations which exert an action on the skin itself, perhaps hardening it (like vinegar) to make it less susceptible to the sun's burn. Such products contain tannic acid."



Few skins are of the quality which can flirt with Old Sol without being annihilated first. JUDITH BARRETT takes her sun high on a sea wall.

By Patricia Lindsay

of us just purr under the hot sun's rays (especially after a long cold swim) and then is when the damage is done.

There are a great many sun creams and lotions on the market, some of which help you and some of which do not. Many women have learned to eliminate these products through sad experience after having gotten severe burns, so it pays to inquire carefully among friends, as well as sales-girls, as to which will do what they claim they will do for the protection of your skin.

THESE FACTS WILL HELP

A survey arrived at a few conclusions about sun cosmetics which may help you. Amber lotions with acetic acid bases are usually good if you want to tan and not to burn. Preparations with creamy lotions mask out

How's Your Hair?

Watch Your Profile

By HELEN HUNT



Part the hair off centre, have a short wave, then use four big rollers to roll up the ends.

This style will not look well unless kept shampooed and well brushed. Let it practically dry before you roll it up. This is an excellent simple style for those who are revolting against the fussier type of hair dress, as it is easy to keep neat and to care for and is young looking.

Be careful not to wear it unless your style of beauty can stand the severity.

This style is definitely for the girl who hasn't naturally curly hair and who doesn't care for too many waves.

Most girls to-day, of course, have permanents if their hair isn't wavy or curly. At the studio, where actresses can have daily attention to their hair, we give very light permanents that last no more than a month—just the ends of the hair, as a rule—since the girls always have their hair done every day.

If you are having a commercial permanent, however, I suppose I needn't tell you to have them permanent only a halo of hair around the face and the ends of the hair in back, leaving the back of the hair entirely flat. With this you can manage the new hair styling much better.

When you are deciding on a new style, be sure you look at your profile as well as your full face. Sometimes a coiffure that looks very well as you gaze straight on at it is most

TO-DAY'S COMMANDMENT

Should your neck be unusually long, and you wish to wear a high hair dress, try a half up and half down coiffure. The front of your hair can be arranged high on your head, but the back portion brought down to show from the front along the neckline.

the hairline in back as well as the front hairline when you are making up your mind.

Next—Study Your Figure

This is another of a series of articles on hair styles, a most important subject to all women. The series is written by Helen Hunt, famous Hollywood hair stylist and head of the hair-dressing department of Columbia Studios.

unbecoming when you get a look at it sideways.

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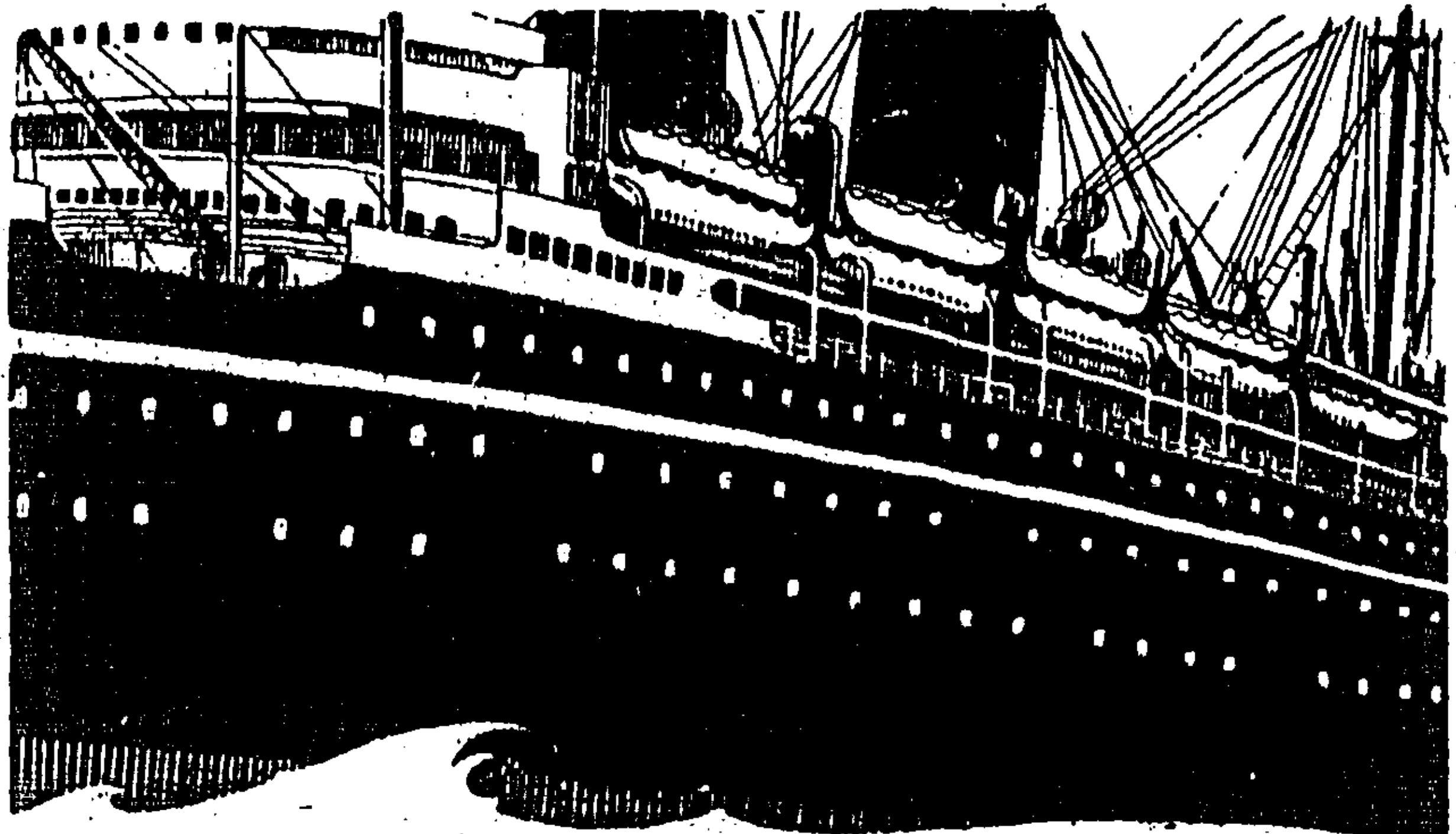
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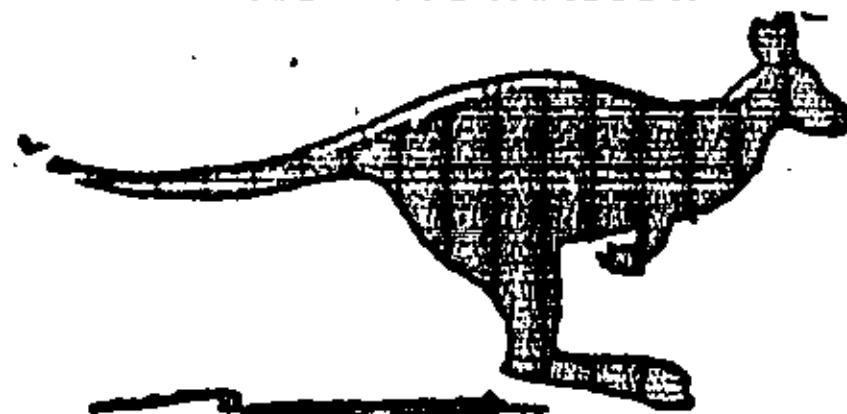
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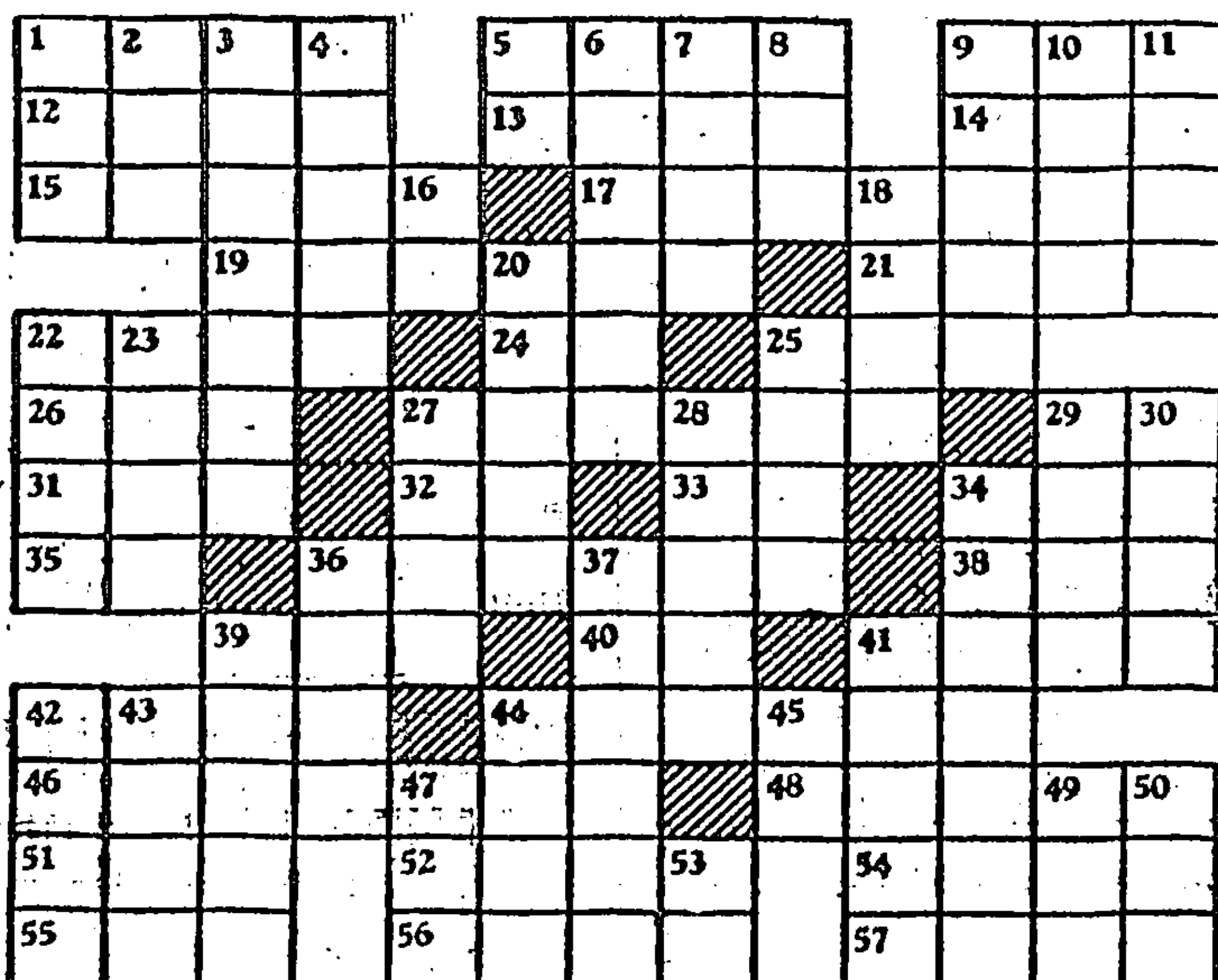
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- 17 Healing compounds
- 19 Bird
- 21 Bright sayings
- 22 Old French coins
- 24 Note of scale
- 25 Reclined
- 26 Worthless leaving
- 27 To recover
- 29 Italian river
- 31 College yell
- 32 Cooled lava
- 33 Sun god
- 34 Bovine animal
- 35 Indian mulberry
- 36 Passengers
- 38 Colour
- 39 Among
- 40 Negative
- 41 Large tubs

VERTICAL

- 42 Matures
- 44 Take life
- 46 Restaurateur
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- 52 Again
- 54 Prefix: half
- 55 Weight of India
- 56 Unclothed
- 57 Gin

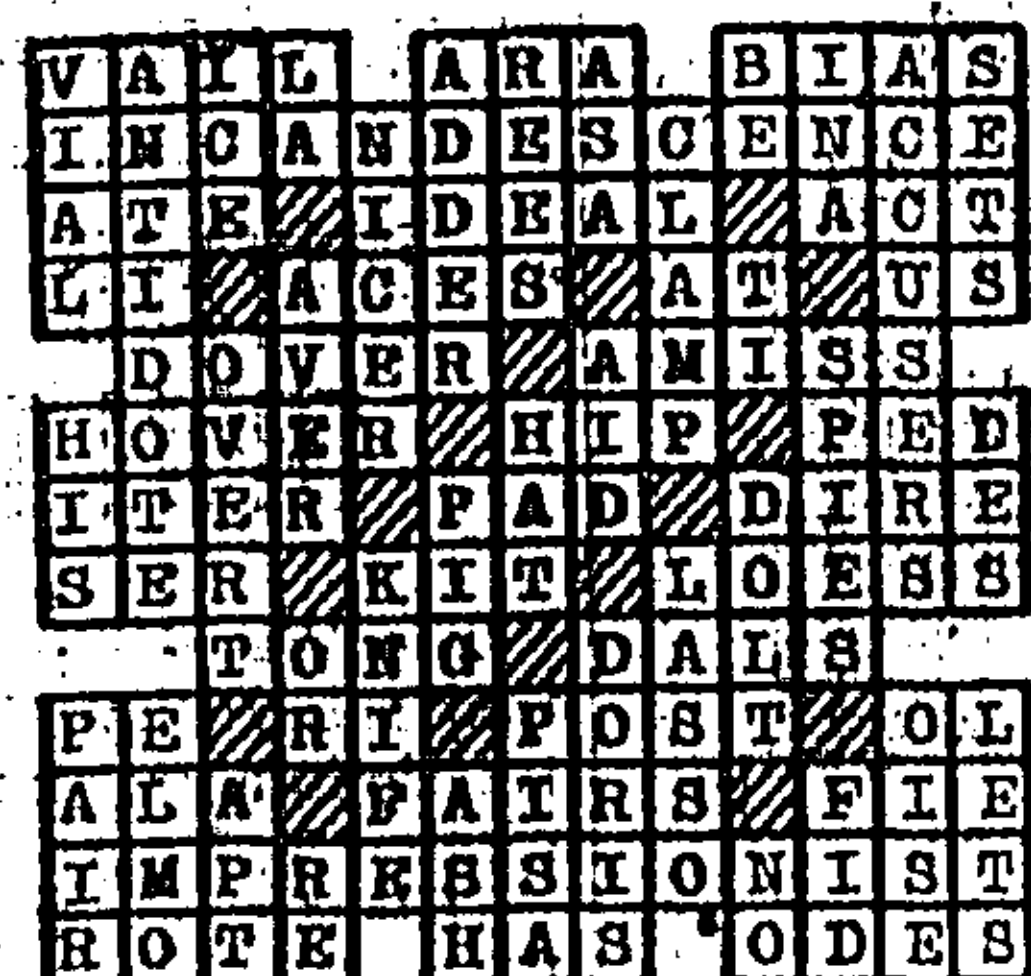
VERTICAL

- 1 School of whales
- 2 Constellation
- 3 Uncultured
- 4 Entrances
- 5 While
- 6 Revolved
- 7 Bitter herb
- 8 To allow
- 9 Slide

VERTICAL

- 10 Relative
- 11 Luck
- 16 Nickel (sym.)
- 18 Mohammedan prayer leader
- 20 Mountain nymph
- 22 Marsh bird
- 23 Pertaining to mouth
- 25 Oceans
- 27 Incursion
- 28 Mistake
- 29 Facial gesture
- 30 Is indebted to
- 34 Stead
- 36 To ascend
- 37 Becomes used to
- 39 Measure of length
- 41 Russian measure of length
- 42 High cards
- 43 Entrance to grounds
- 44 Bill of fare
- 45 To perform
- 47 Sped
- 49 Wine cup
- 50 Small drink
- 53 Pronoun

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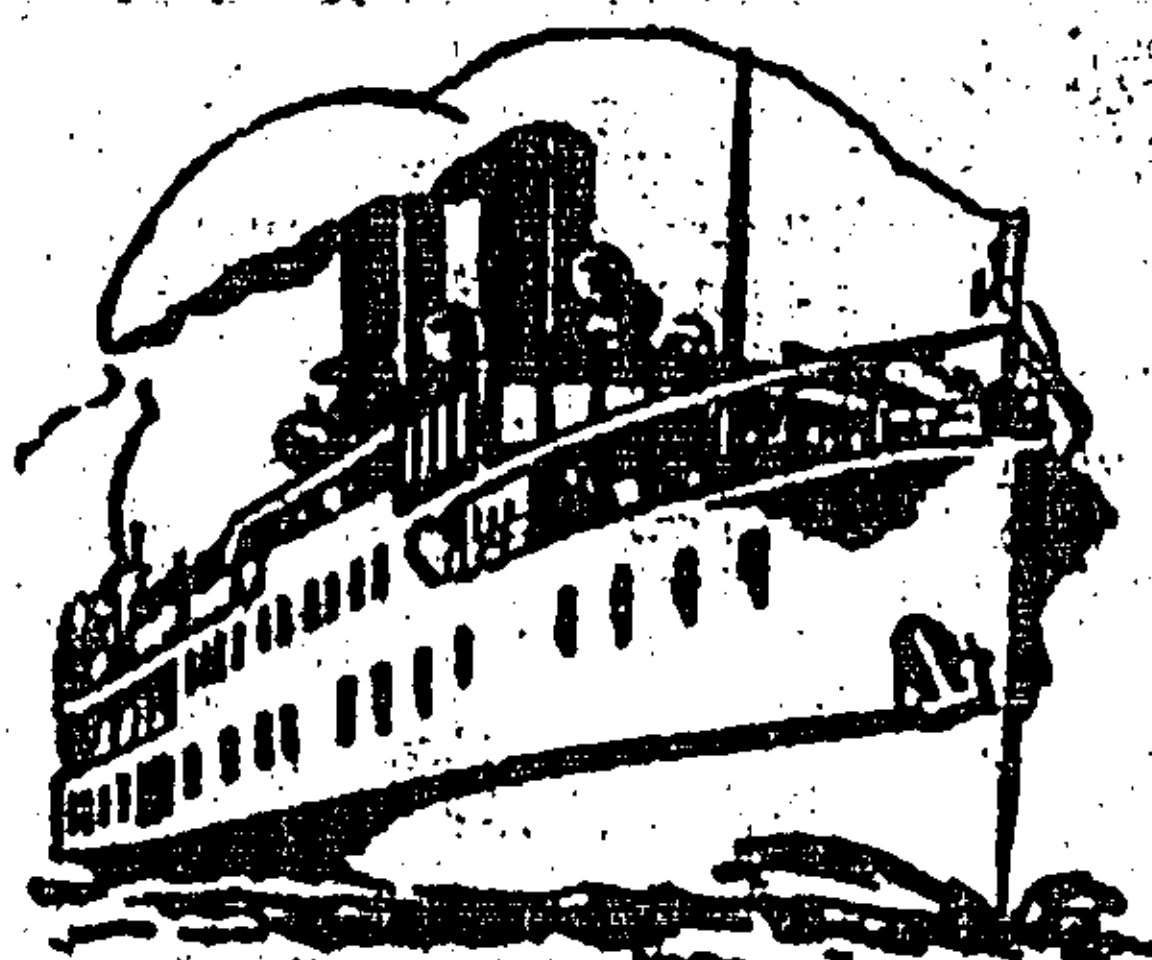
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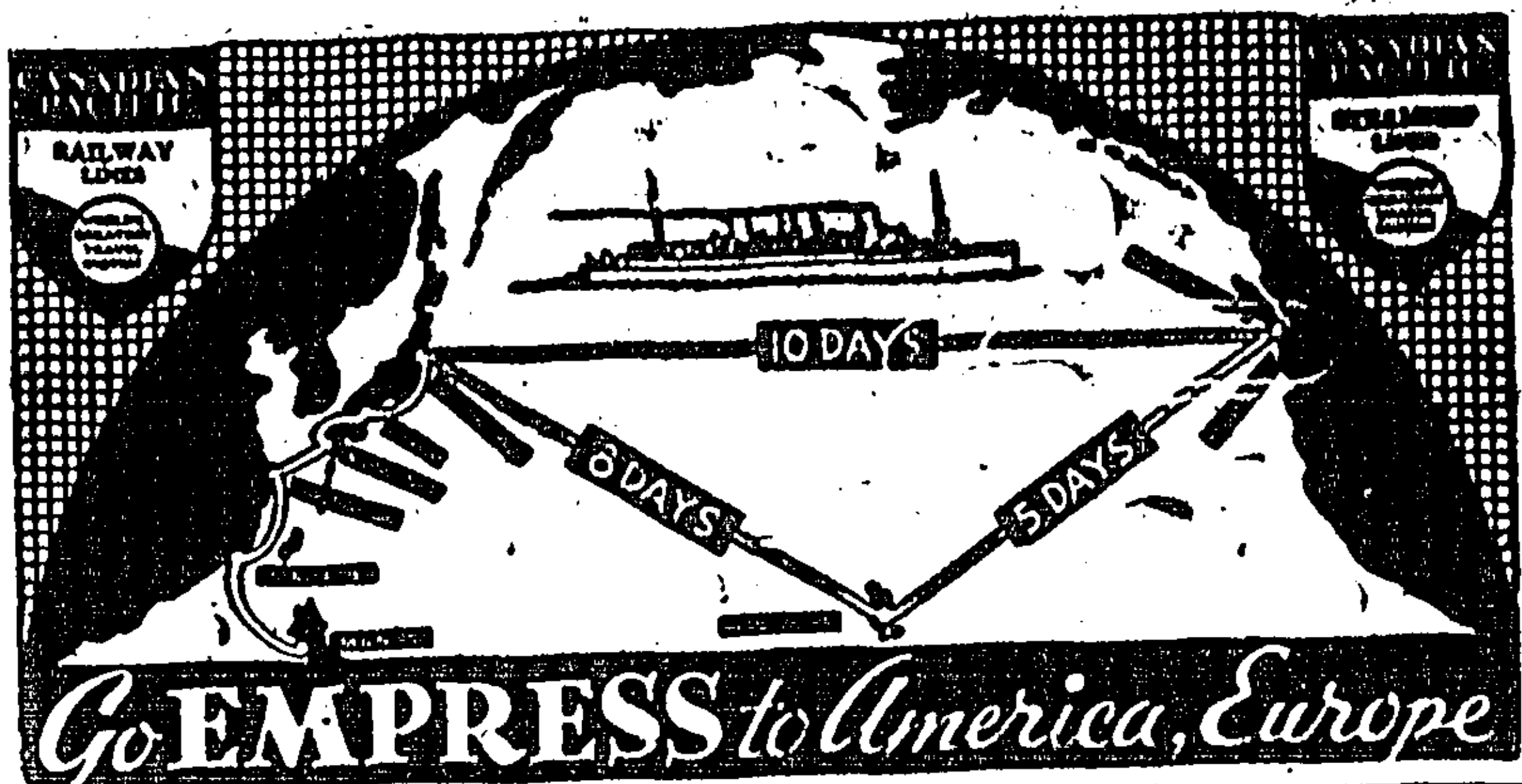
Sunday and Monday, 27th and 28th August, 1939.

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Empress of Canada	Sept. 29	Oct. 18	Duchess of York	Oct. 27	Nov. 2
Empress of Russia	Oct. 13	Oct. 30	Duch. of Richmond	Nov. 3	Nov. 9
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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-19/32.

Spot silver was quoted in London at 19-1/16 and forward at 19.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.6812 and New York on London at £-U.S.\$4.68-1/8.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:-

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. Lands \$31 1/2/31 sa.

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BILIOUS?

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GERMAN ARMY PLANE LANDS IN FRANCE

Verdun, Aug. 19.

Lost and short of fuel, a German military plane landed two kilometres from Montfaucon, near Verdun, at 5.30 p.m. yesterday. Soldiers of the 155th Regiment, Fortress Infantry, were passing by in a car at the time and made investigations, arresting the German pilot and informing the higher authorities.

Name of the aviator is Otto Pech-eigner. He was brought to Verdun for questioning and it was here that he declared he had left from Hanover for Wiesbaden, but lost his bearings and decided to land since he had fuel enough for only one-half hour more of flight.—Havas.

BUYING DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY

The War Office has denied a report that the Army Council is considering restrictions on the facilities for buying discharge from the Army.

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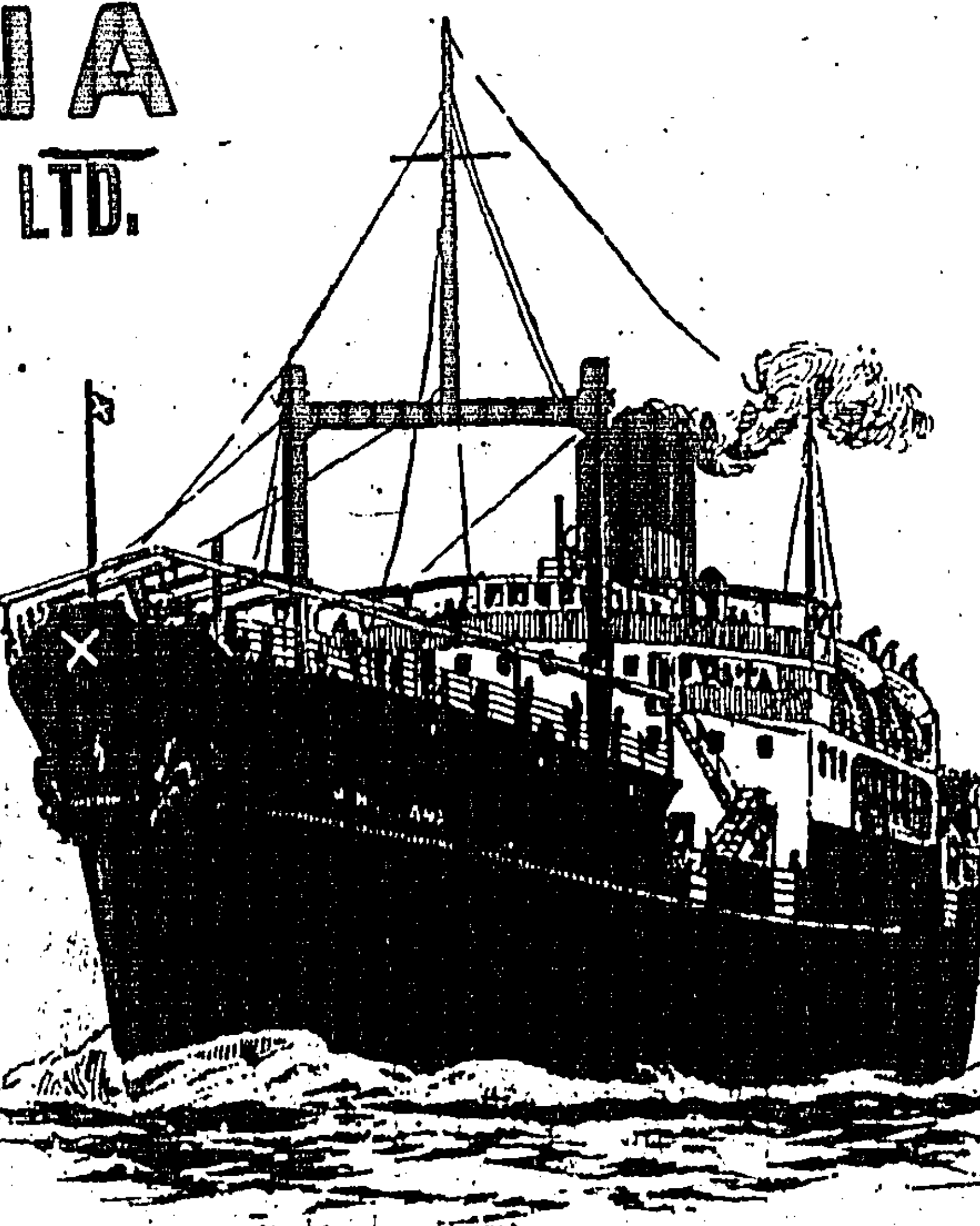
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THE WEIRD WOMAN OF BOURTON



It appeared that a few years previously the King of Spain had received a letter, purporting to be from Emperor Joseph II. of Austria, asking him to take under his protection a young woman whose presence in Austria would cause great grief to his mother, the Dowager Empress, because she was a natural daughter of his late father. Francis I. The King

According to the pamphleteer who related her strange history, Mlle. La Frulen remained as Count Cobenzel's prison for several months. Then he suddenly died and she was conducted by a young officer to Quivrang, a small town in France. Fifty louis were here placed in her hands and she was "abandoned to her destiny."

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LAWN BOWLS NOTES

UNEXPECTED RESULTS IN
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(By "SKIP")

THERE HAVE BEEN ONE OR TWO upsets in the Fourth Round of the Open Singles Championship, the chief of which being the defeat of Alfred Coates by M. R. Abbas who is a rapidly improving bowler.

The winner got into his stride right away and always had the advantage over the 1936 Champion who could not gauge the weight of the green accurately, but it is only fair to Coates to say that the woods ran as unkindly for him as they did the opposite for his younger opponent.

Dick Alves and C. F. Remedios, former Champion of Shanghai, had a rare tussle at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Monday, the latter eventually emerging winner by three shots. In the early stages of the game the left-hander was always in the ascendancy but Alves recovered splendidly and overtook his opponent.

Having got him on the run it looked as if Alves was going to run right out as he led by 18 shots to 13: but Remedios had other ideas and fighting back gamely he reversed the position. Alves, I thought, seemed to crack up a little under the strain with the result that his opponent ran to his points without conceding a further shot.

It was a great game to watch and the large number of spectators who were present thoroughly enjoyed it.

DALLAH SURPRISES

Dallah's big win against C. M. Silva came as a surprise to me as I thought a close game would be seen: but the I. R. C. representative had made his own way right from the beginning and finished off his young opponent in 14 heads, and had scored a dozen before the loser troubled the marker.

H. White, who incidentally relieved Claude Hosking, when the latter went home, played a very fine game to eliminate Walter Gill of the Hong Kong Football Club.

The latter was not playing badly, in spite of being in what appeared to

in fact, his display would have accounted for many players, but the Kowloon Bowling Green Club entrant could do nothing wrong: He favoured short heads for the most part, but when the ultimate loser wisely put a long one up, White drew to it with equal facility.

MINU'S LAST SPURT

In the other game at the Club de Recreio the same evening, A. R. Minu just got the better of A. M. Omar. These two were neck and neck all the way, till almost the end rather better for Minu than for his adversary but I thought that Omar made a mistake when he drove at what proved to be the last head. Admittedly he had the back stuff, but with Minu lying two to make him 20 to Omar's 19, it was risky to drive, a fact which was amply proved when Omar had the mortification of taking his third shot out and so giving game to Minu.

Tommy Mader was expected to put up a good flight against B. Basto, but the Portuguese player was much too good for him and won by 21 shots to 5. The bowling did not appear to be of a very high standard considering it was a Fourth Round game but B. Basto fully deserved his win on the day's play.

Perkin's stuck to Downan with rare dourness on Wednesday evening and

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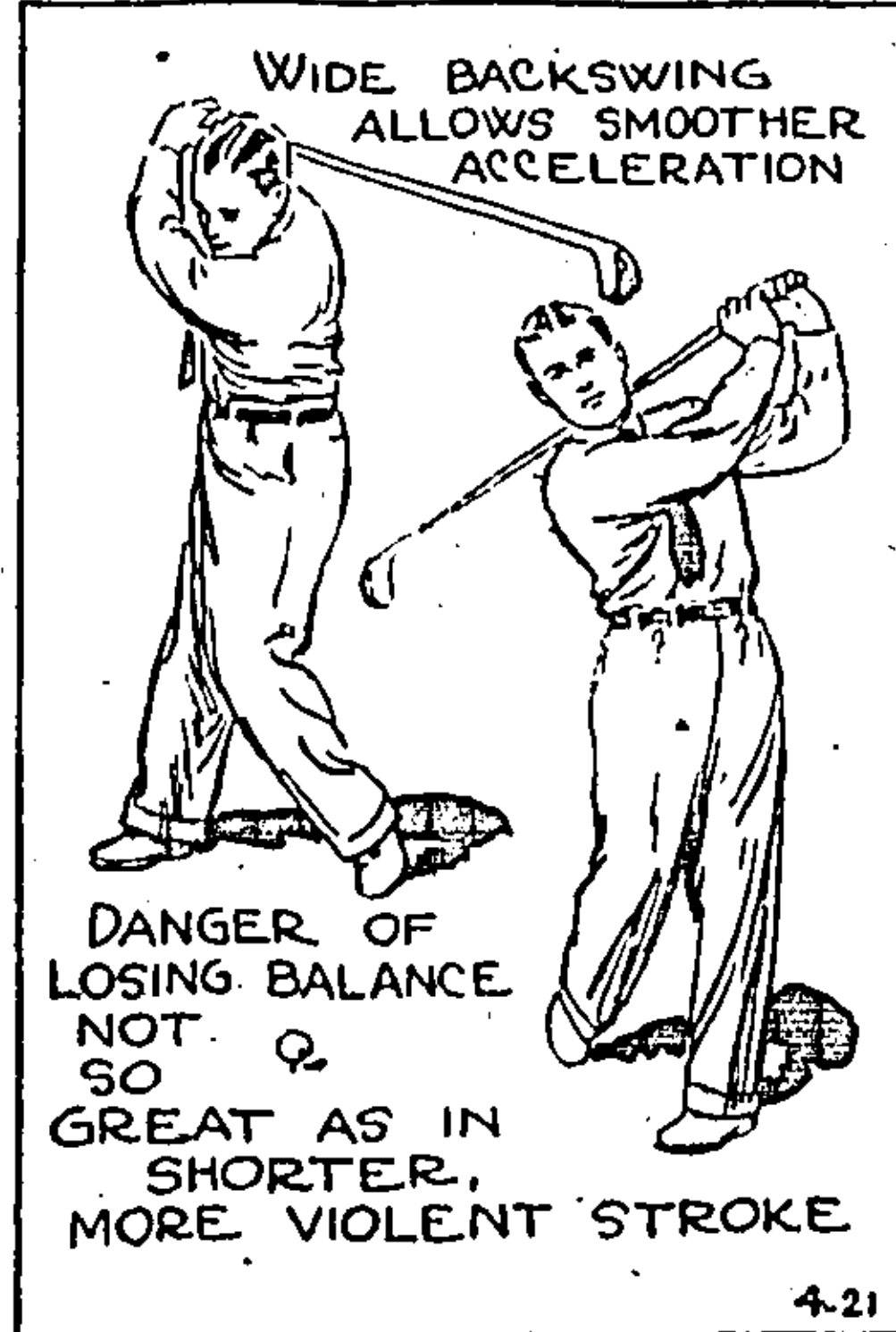
Owing to the present international situation, it is extremely unlikely that either the lawn bowls or swimming teams will be proceeding to Shanghai according to schedule.

Various members of both teams have had their leaves cancelled and it is unlikely, even if the teams were to sail, that anything approaching representative teams could be got together.

be a hopeless position, he steadied himself well and playing some brilliant woods, made up a lot of lee-way run out a worthy winner.

DON'T RESIST
THE SWING

GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

Most golfers in the century and plus scoring class hesitate to take a full stroke because they are afraid of losing their balance. Perhaps in practice moments they have slowly imitated the body turn of some expert but, faced with a shot in actual play, they will have no truck with it. Under such conditions they will content themselves with an abbreviated pivot and the hope that by lunging with the body into the ball they will make up the difference in club velocity. With the shorter stroke they feel that a more accurate contact is possible. Swinging wide around to them is like exploring an unknown country, they have no security or confidence. Danger lurks on every hand.

Even the expert golfer, on occasion when the pressure is severe, often reverts to a shorter stroke and attempts to steer the ball. Such a practice leads to errors. If the power exerted is too sudden and strenuous for the clubhead arc, the balance is apt to be lost. It is claimed that Bobby Jones was able to maintain his free flowing stroke even in times of greatest stress and this

ARMY
SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

I HAVE been able to obtain a little information about the outstanding cricketers of the East Surrey Regiment side who will probably be playing for one or the other of the Army sides here.

Private R. Spencer seems to be the outstanding man. He gained his cricketing knowledge mostly during three years spent on the ground staff at Lords and must have received some valuable instruction whilst there.

He is an all-rounder, being a medium pace bowler and an exceptionally dependable bat. He played regularly for Colchester Garrison when stationed there but has not been able to get much cricket since.

Sergeant Eatwill is a really fine bat, and has many fine innings to his credit. He is also an opening bowler, but I am not informed as to whether he is fast, medium or slow.

Regimental Sergeant Major Worsfield is another ex-Colchester Garrison player who should do well here. He is a good bowler, with a slow delivery, and also bats with no little success. He should be a valuable acquisition to the local side as slow bowlers are rather at a premium in this station, although the wickets here are rarely in their favour.

The last of the E/Surrey stars who might possibly do well here is Cpl. Simper. Although not quite so good as the others I have mentioned he is one of the battalion opening bats and manages to do well quite often enough to justify his inclusion. He is also a fairly good fast bowler and should in this respect find the wickets here to his liking.

All told the East Surreys are a good cricketing battalion and should add materially to the strength of the Army side here. They are rather exceptional in that they have no outstanding officer players. Most cricketing battalions have a preponderance of officers in their side.

At the moment, only the Middlesex contribute players to the Army 1st and 2nd elevens, as the Scots do not play much cricket.

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AS is usual, the Army will be playing the H. K. V. D. C. again this season. The date is rather earlier than hitherto and has been fixed for October 29, probably at Sookumpoo. It will be an all-day affair commencing at 11 in the morning.

Trial matches for the Army team have been fixed for September 27 and September 30.

Nominations for these games are not to hand at the moment, but several players of last years sides should again be certain. Capt. Whatman of the Signals will again be present I believe, and of course Captain Laurence, R. I. A. S. C. and Captain Godby, R. A. are automatic selections. Driver Logan, the R. A. S. C. star will again be available, as will Corporal Webb of the Medicals.

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INCIDENTALLY, the Army, as forecasted, have declared themselves in favour of the eight ball over and so I presume this will be put into effect when the season commences.

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EIGHTH Heavy Regiment, R. A. suffered a crushing defeat in the hands of the Combined Small Units when they met in their Senior League water polo match. The game was far too one-sided to be really interesting and the Small units succeeded in scoring six goals without reply from the Gunners.

In a 1st round Small Units Knock out game, Signals easily accounted for "A" Company, Middlesex, Again the game was very one sided and the final score was seven goals to one.

in turn was largely the reason for his numerous triumphs. It is an undoubted aid to smoother striking and the golfer should force himself to adopt it.

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Wednesday

ENGLISH FOOTBALL OPENS to-morrow, with a highly interesting programme—needle matches like that between Wolves and Arsenal—and the task of the forecaster is venturesome.

Last week's charity games furnish no reliable guide; performances of teams in practice games are apt to being more misleading than otherwise. Nevertheless, here goes:

FIRST DIVISION
ASTON VILLA v. Middlesbro.
CHELSEA v. Bolton
EVERTON v. Brentford
HUDDERSFIELD v. Blackpool
M'CHESTER U. v. Grimsby
PORTSMOUTH v. Blackburn
Preston v. Leeds
SHEFFIELD U. v. Liverpool
Stoke v. CHARLTON
SUNDERLAND v. Derby
Wolves v. Arsenal

SECOND DIVISION
BARNSELY v. Notts. F.
Burnley v. Coventry
BURY v. Fulham
CHESTERFIELD v. Bradford
Leicester v. M'CHESTER C.
Luton v. WEDNESDAY
Millwall v. NEWCASTLE
NEWPORT v. Southampton
PLYMOUTH v. West Ham
Swansea v. West Brom.
TOTTENHAM v. Birmingham
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Aldershot v. Bristol C.

BRIGHTON v. Port Vale
Bristol R. v. Reading
Clapton v. Ipswich
EXETER v. Torquay
Mansfield v. CRYSTAL P.
NORTHAMPTON v. Swindon
NORWICH v. Cardiff
NOTTS. C. v. Bournemouth
QUEEN'S P.R. v. Watford
SOUTHEND v. Walsall

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)
BRADFORD v. Accrington
DARLINGTON v. Southport
DONCASTER v. Rochdale
GATESHEAD v. Crewe
HARTLEPOOLS v. Barrow
Hull v. Lincoln
OLDHAM v. Carlisle
STOCKPORT v. Halifax
TRANMERE v. Rotherham
WREXHAM v. New Brighton
York v. CHESTER

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)
ABERDEEN v. Hibernian
ALBION v. St. Mirren

TEAMS TO BE AVOIDED

CHELSEA.—Last week's win looked too flashy for the Pensioners.
NEWPORT.—Better to wait to see how they settle down to their new class.

THREE LIKELY DRAWS

Preston v. Leeds
Bristol R. v. Reading
Aldershot v. Bristol C.

Alloa v. MOTHERWELL
Clyde v. St. Johnstone
Cowdenbeath v. CELTIC
HAMILTON v. Falkirk
HEARTS v. Ayr
Kilmarnock v. Thrd Lanark
QUEEN O'S. v. Partick
RANGERS v. Arbroath

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London, August 13.—With batting and bowling both on a high level of efficiency, and fielding that lacked nothing in keenness and accuracy, Tonbridge took the leading place among the Schools in the season just closing.

BEDFORD SCHOOL

After a slow start, Bedford played very well. The captain, J. G. Doubleday, was consistent all through, and finished with an average of over 51 for sixteen innings and an aggregate of 674. He made 107 against St. Paul's, six other scores of over 50, and was only three times dismissed for less than 30. He had good support from A. C. Marston and R. H. Crompton, but chiefly relied on D. D. Audley and T. Daniel, who improved greatly as the season went on.

Marston was the best bowler on the side, but was kept out of four matches by a shoulder injury. P. M. Vasey was successful with his slow off-spinners, and T. H. B. Blundell and C. R. Feilden, fast-medium, had their days.

The fielding was not too good, and far too many catches were dropped, and there were several slow-movers on the side. Crompton and Daniel were the exceptions. The wicket-keeper, J. A. Harrington, was brilliant at times, especially to Marston's inswingers, but he was inconsistent.

St. Paul's, thanks largely to the batting of Doubleday and Daniel, were beaten by 73 runs. Oundle won by 53, and Bedford declared against Dulwich at 221 for 8, Dulwich making 147 for 8. The match against the Leys was spoilt by rain and ended in an even draw.

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE

With C. J. H. Paget, D. C. Brooke-Taylor, who have scored their centuries at Lord's, and P. B. C. Moore, who scored a great 197 not out against Malvern. Cheltenham were a strong batting side while S. C. S. Farmer, R. C. Wilkinson, and D. A. Bird could make runs. In Farmer, who was in his fourth year, Cheltenham had one of the best wicket-keepers in the schools.

The bowling was not so convincing, with J. E. D. Mann the best. B. D. Neame, fast medium, and W. R. Duff were successful at times.

A high-scoring match with Malvern was drawn, and Cheltenham were beaten by Marlborough. The match against Clifton was cancelled owing to illness at the latter school. The game at Lord's against Haileybury was ruined by the rain.

CLIFTON COLLEGE

Owing to rain and illness, only one inter-school match could be played by

Clifton prior to the match at Lord's against Tonbridge. The Rugby match resulted in a draw greatly in favour of Rugby, and Clifton failed badly against Tonbridge, and were beaten by 213 runs. In other matches, the Gloucester Gypsies, Somerset Stragglers and Bristol and District Association were beaten. Three matches were lost and three drawn.

The bowling was the XI's chief strength. N. Gibbs, slow off-breaks, and A. K. Rees, slow leg-breaks, taking a number of wickets. W. H. Moreland and M. R. Kirkland were useful fastish bowlers, and there are considerable possibilities about E. H. James.

The batting was unreliable. Centuries were scored by the captain, P. Kinnersley, and R. J. Potter, while C. E. N. Hooper, Moreland, and Gibbs made runs at times. The fielding was up to standard.

SHERBORNE SCHOOL

Sherborne had one of the best seasons for many years. Only one match was lost, that against Tonbridge, the Sherborne batting collapsing unaccountably on the second day. Blundell's, Westminster, Downside, the Canadian Schoolboys, Sherborne Town, and a strong M.C.C. side were beaten. Favourable draws were made with the Dorset Rangers and Free Foresters, and an even draw with the Old Shirburnians.

The batting was really strong, all down to No. 11, being capable of making runs. G. W. L. Courtenay, who headed the averages, made centuries against Blundell's, Westminster, and Downside. D. P. T. Deshon, 112 against Downside when, with Courtenay, he set up a record of 243 for the first wicket. S. F. St. J. Williams made 101 not out against the M.C.C., and H. L. Watson 109 not out against the Dorset Rangers.

The bowling just missed being really good through lack of a good slow-spinner. The captain, H. J. C. Bashford, was not quite so successful as last season, but took thirty wickets, and was always dangerous. P. H. Humphries bowled his slow right-hand off-spinners well. M. R. G. Earls-Davies, fast right, and R. H. Gardner, left-handed, were good at times.

The fielding was fairly good. P. G. Irvine, at the wicket, improved steadily, and F. E. Slingsby was excellent in the gully.

BRIGHTON COLLEGE

Brighton have had a fair season. Of the sixteen matches played, five were won, four drawn, and seven lost. In schools matches Epsom and Christ's

Hospital were beaten, a draw was played with Lancing, and defeats were suffered from Dulwich, St. Paul's, and Cranleigh.

S. I. Phillips was easily the outstanding cricketer on the side. He heads both the batting and bowling averages. He had an aggregate of 727, including four centuries, and averaged 60. The rest of the batting was disappointing, though H. A. Colbourne made several fifties, and should be useful next year.

With only four real bowlers, the attack has, naturally, lacked variety. F. C. H. Pugh, slow left, bowled consistently well throughout the season. W. W. Davidson's wicket-keeping has on occasions been really brilliant.

HARROW SCHOOL

Whatever else had happened, Harrow's victory over Eton after a lapse of thirty-one years, would have made the season wholly satisfactory. Apart from this triumph, however, the season was a satisfactory one, particularly so in view of the fact that the side started the season with only two colours.

A. O. Lithgow deserves immense credit. Starting very inexperienced, he improved immensely both as a wicket-keeper and a batsman, ending the season at the top of the averages. He proved himself an admirable captain, and his leadership against Eton at Lord's received approval from the highest sources.

E. Crutchley was a great success, with an excellent temperament. G. F. Anson improved rapidly, and, for one so young, hit the ball very hard. P. E. E. Prideaux-Brune did not quite realise expectations, but played some good innings. It was a side in which anyone down to No. 9 was capable of getting his 50. J. L. Paul, L. E. W. Byam, D. C. H. McLean, R. M. Boustead, and D. F. Henley all batted well at times.

After a slow start F. C. Boulton bowled consistently, and Byam showed good accuracy and control. Henley is promising. Boustead showed individually, and Cowley produced his best at Lord's—five for 54. Most of the team will be available for next season.

ETON COLLEGE

Eton were not a very talented side, but tried hard. It was not a really disappointing season, in spite of the Harrow result, as it was never expected to be a good one.

Haileybury were beaten by five wickets, the Harlequins by six, and the Household Brigade by 70 runs. Charterhouse won by 124 runs, Eton Ramblers by ten wickets, and Free Foresters and a very strong M.C.C. side were also victorious. Draws were played with Hampstead, I. Zingari, and Winchester.

N. T. A. Fiennes, the captain and wicket-keeper, had an unlucky season apart from a good 82 against Winchester. B. W. Barton and D. W. S. Colman, next year's captain, were a steady opening pair of batsmen. A. F. S. Coats is young and inexperienced, but should turn out good. M. B. Henderson hit the ball hard on occasions, but the batting was, generally speaking, patchy.

The bowling was a weak point. V. G. Wallace and Henderson, with fast-medium in-swingers, were the best. I. Mc L. Pearson showed that he was a match winner against Haileybury, but his slow leg-breaks lacked length.

HAILEYBURY COLLEGE

Out of twelve matches played, Haileybury won five, drew four and lost three. In school matches, Haileybury beat Uppingham by seven wickets, had much the better of the draw against Stowe and Wellington, and were beaten by Eton by five wickets.

They were a strong batting side with the captain, W. J. H. Shephard, outstanding. He made 87 against M.C.C., 76 against Uppingham, and 155 in 115 minutes against Calus. J.

SPORTS PARADE

OWING to the inability of the Service representatives to attend a meeting last Tuesday the Rugby sections of the various football clubs were not able to draw up their fixtures for the forthcoming season but endeavours are being made for the arrangements to be made at a meeting on Monday.

It is understood that the Police ground at Boundary Street will this year be also used for Rugby games, with the result that more games will be arranged this season and all the clubs will be more or less occupied every Saturday during the season.

The Police are hoping to field a fifteen every week so that with the Club, Army and Navy fielding sides it will be probable that more games will be witnessed each week-end.

Until such time as the Rugby sections of the various clubs have drawn up their fixtures for the season, The Hong Kong Football Association are unable to draw up their fixtures for the coming season, as otherwise there will be much overlapping and unpleasantness when games have to be rearranged owing to the clashing of soccer and Rugby games on the same ground.

For many seasons it has always been the custom for the Rugby section to arrange their fixtures first and as early as possible and let the Football Association then arrange their fixtures after that with the result that both Rugby and Soccer sections were well satisfied with the arrangements and there was no conflicting of dates or grounds.

It is hoped that the Rugby representatives will be able to decide on their fixtures in the near future so that the Football Association may be able to get on with their own fixture arrangements soon.

EDRICH, the young Middlesex batsman, started off the season in dreadful fashion, and, following his return from the South African tour, definitely appeared to be suffering from staleness.

Early this month, however, he made a successful come-back and made a great bid for inclusion in the England Test team to do duty against West Indies in the final match of the series at the Oval.

In four successive innings to August 13, Edrich scored no fewer than 465 runs, and, from comparative obscurity in the first-class averages, rose to eighth with an aggregate of 1,680 runs in 34 innings for an average of 49.41.

As is well known now, he did not secure his place in the Test side and I sincerely hope that the M.C.C. selectors have not made up their minds, despite his fine knock in the last Test in South Africa, that he is definitely lacking in the temperament necessary for this class of cricket.

B. Chanter, A. B. Sheldon, D. A. Creaton, and A. Fairbairn gave him good support. Sheldon, particularly improved as the season went on.

A. L. Hardy, fast right-medium, was the best of the bowlers, and the spin bowling of the two Fairbairns, A. and J. H., showed promise. A. Fairbairn, who is very young, is a most promising young player. The bowling, however, lacked variety. The fielding has been consistently good, with Sheldon, at cover, and Creaton, in the deep field, outstanding.

WINCHESTER COLLEGE

Apart from one week in the middle of June, when a change-over from fast wickets to slow seemed to upset the side and resulted in defeats at the hands of Marlborough by three wickets, and of the Authentics, Winchester had a fairly successful season.

Five wins have been recorded—over the Free Foresters, I. Zingari, New College, Oxford, Green-jackets, and Harrow. Winchester were also in a strong position against Charterhouse when the game was closed. The match against Eton resulted in a draw after (Continued on Page 25)



SWIMMING NOTES

Review Of Recent Gala Gives Cause For Satisfaction

Johnstone's And Lawrence's Records An Example

All That Is Now Wanted Is The Shanghai Pennant

(By "CRUSADER")

ALTHOUGH IN ACTUAL FIGURES, only three records were broken at the recent Colony championship swimming gala, Hong Kong has every reason to be satisfied with the standard revealed.

Keen competition for nearly all events and splendid times returned by men, women and boys augurs well for the future.

Most striking improvement was shown in the 50 yards free style, the 100 yards free style and the various ladies' events.

There was a line-up of five competitors for the 50 yards, all of them capable of clocking under 26 seconds for the distance. In former years many a title has been won in times considerably above this mark and Chan Wing-kai's record of 25-1/5, set only last year, was considered to be safe for some years.

However, Taylor made no mistake and not only did he smash the record, but he smashed it by no less than two-fifths of a second.

LAWRENCE'S FEATS

In the 100 yards, 59-2/5 seconds set by J. R. Johnstone in 1929, was a great improvement on previous times but Lawrence, in the 1934 season, lowered this sensationally to 57-4/5 and went even better the following year when he clocked three-fifths of a second off this time.

Lawrence, in winning this year, showed all the brilliance of his form of 1935 in clocking 57-2/5, although unlike previous years, he did not have matters all his own way.

Such has been the improvement in the local standard that despite this very excellent time, he was pushed all the way and, indeed, was only able to take the lead over the last 25 yards to win by a narrow margin followed by three other competitors, who finished practically together.

It was unfortunate that we were unable to see David Hutchinson in action, while the absence from the Colony of Norman Lee, who gave promise of developing into one of the Colony's all-time stars, was absent from the Colony.

It is therefore a source of great satisfaction that despite the absence of these two very fine swimmers, there were still many of similar standard who were able to give Lawrence such opposition.

NOT ANTICIPATED

The Colony have every reason to be satisfied with the form of Enriqus Chaine, who in smashing the previous record held by Kwok Chan-hang, accomplished something that was not anticipated for some time.

Chaine has returned even better times than 72-2/5 seconds in training and it is to be hoped that he will keep at it hard with a view to lowering the remarkable time set by Dickie Hall of Shanghai, who, however, used the "butterfly" stroke which is barred in the local championships.

Fong Cheung-yin and Lo Kut-sing, on the other hand, who also competed in the race, should not be discouraged by the fact that their times do not bear comparison with Chaine's.

In their moments of depression, let them think of J. R. Johnstone. This swimmer, most of whose free style times rank second to Lawrence's, first made a name for himself in 1916 when he won the 100 yards free style title in 63 seconds. In 1919 he again won this event, in 64 seconds. In 1921 he lowered the time to 60-2/5

seconds.

Probably because he was out of the Colony during the period, nothing further was heard of Johnstone until 1929, when, at an age when most swimmers are languishing in retirement, Johnstone made a come-back to establish his best times and smash all Colony records for free style events with the exception of the 50 yards.

His times for the 440 and 880 still stand second only to Lawrence's.

Both Lawrence and Johnstone only reached the front rank after years of methodical training. The former commenced swimming in 1927 but it was years later, after numerous unavailing efforts, that he started to find his best form.

It was not until 1933 that he achieved an ambition in cracking 60 for the 100 and from that year dates his ascendancy in Colony and Shanghai swimming.

In 1935 he established new records for all distances except the 50 yards for free style events, which records still stand in his name to-day.

THE LADIES

Another aspect of Colony swimming where a marked improvement is apparent, is in the ladies' sphere.

The 100 yards free style, won by Miss Vivienne Churn in 75-4/5 seconds, followed by Miss Ip Choi-man and Miss Doreen Weir, provided a splendid example of spirit and determination to win.

It is noteworthy that all three who placed, returned better times than that set by Miss Lopes in winning the event the previous year.

Although the present times are satisfactory, there is a great deal of room for improvement and I feel confident that next season will show several steps in this direction.

In the 50 yards back stroke, Miss Sa Wai-ying's 38 seconds will be hard to beat but Miss Eileen Grant, who took second place, showed a tremendous amount of promise and I have little doubt that this very youthful swimmer will not be far off 38 seconds by next Summer.

Another promising V. R. C. swimmer for this event is Miss "Liza" Anderson, who is training with great seriousness and should be ripe for competition in the near future.

Miss Ip Choi-man also rose to fame overnight through her extraordinarily fine performance in the 440 yards free style.

This swimmer has a beautiful action and is improving rapidly. Her feat in coming second in the 100 yards rather demonstrates this.

In the heats, she only managed to qualify for the finals by virtue of being the fastest third and yet a few days later she set a cracking pace in the final and almost caused an upset!

All in all, the championships this year, both from a view of performance and entries, and the large atten-



MISS VIVIENNE CHURN by virtue of her success in the Ladies' 100 yards free style championship, now occupies the position of Hong Kong's premier lady swimmer.

dances throughout, can be considered most satisfactory and all we need to cap a most enjoyable season will be the Shanghai pennant.

We can leave that little matter in the hands of Wilfred Lawrence and his merry men, who, we can be sure, will try very hard not to disappoint us.

DAVIS CUP

AUSTRALIA AND YUGO-SLAVIA ALL-SQUARE

Brookline, Massachusetts, To-day.—Yugo-Slavia and Australia are all square at the end of the first day's play in the inter-zone final in the Davis Cup.

A. K. Quist (Australia) beat Mitic (Yugo-Slavia) in the first match, 6-0, 6-4 and 6-3, but Puncer (Yugo-Slavia) levelled the issue when he beat John Bromwich 6-2, 8-6, 0-6 and 6-2. —Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP

OMAR BEATS HALL IN CLOSE GAME

At the Kowloon Football Club yesterday U. M. Omar, a former champion, entered the Quarter Final Round of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship when he defeated A. J. Hall by 21-shots to 16 after 23 heads.

Omar started well and at the eighth head was leading by 11 shots to 2 which had included two threes.

After this Hall rallied and at the 17th head took the lead at 14-13 for the first and only time. Omar scored a singles on the next three heads while Hall replied with a two on the 21st. Omar scored two twos on the next two heads.

In a Hong Kong Water Polo League match played yesterday, Chinese Bathing Club drew with South China A.A., the teams sharing two goals.

ESSEX BEAT NOTTS

London, To-day.—Thanks to splendid fast bowling by Kenneth Farnes and Nichols, Essex scored a big victory over Notts in a match which concluded yesterday.

Joe Hardstaff batted well for Notts to score 117 out of their total of 271, while Peter Smith, better known as a bowler, topped the 100 mark for Essex.

Scores as cabled by Reuter:—

At Clacton, Essex beat Notts by 7 wickets.

Notts—271 (Hardstaff 117; Nichols 5 for 34) and 74 (Frances 5 for 30).

Essex—233 (Peter Smith 102; Voce 5 for 70) and 113 for 3.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CRICKET

(Continued from Page 24)

Winchester had led by 60 runs in the first innings. Six matches were left drawn.

H. A. Pawson, the captain, scored centuries against Harrow and the Greenjackets. A. J. Wilson was the most consistently successful bowler, but Pawson did some good performances, notably against Marlborough, R. A. Henley and A. R. Taylor were a dangerous opening pair. Taylor improved greatly as a batsman.

TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

Tonbridge had their best side in recent years, and had a very successful season. On the sixteen matches played, nine have been won, five draws, one was a tie, and only one was lost. Of the five school matches played, Sherborne were defeated by 147 runs. Lancing by nine wickets, Dulwich by four wickets, Clifton, at Lord's, by 213 runs, and the match against Stowe ended in a tie.

The batting has been strong throughout, the outstanding feature being the way the so-called tail, generally came up to scratch when the earlier batsmen had failed. On only three occasions has a total of over 200 not been exceeded. P. G. C. Wood, who, unfortunately, was not able to captain the side against Clifton, at Lord's, through illness, and C. L. Wellford each scored two centuries, and T. R. R. Wood and G. R. Leahy one each, while only two members of the side failed to score at least one 50.

M. P. Ross-Price bore the brunt of the bowling. He took over eighty wickets at a little over 12 runs apiece. R. A. A. Smith, J. L. Rampton, P. G. C. Wood, and R. D. Dousfield have all bowled well. The bowling has, indeed, been of a high standard.

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	M. Pollock, R. J. K. Walker.
9.20 "	R. G. Gray, E. A. Hampas.
9.24 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.28 "	F. D. Hunter, A. Sommerfelt.
9.32 "	L. M. Wylie, I. H. Geare.
9.36 "	J. B. Harrison, J. Linaker.
9.40 "	J. M. Pearson, J. W. Mayhew.
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BRITISH FLEET IN BALTIC ZONE

Copenhagen, To-day.
According to an announcement by the Danish radio service numerous British warships have been observed from Kristiansund, in Norway.

The warships are said by observers to be exercising between Skogen, in Denmark, and the Norwegian coast.

The fleet, which arrived in the Skaggerak on Wednesday, kept its searchlights active throughout Wednesday night.

The newspaper "Social Demokraten" remarks that these observations tally with reports from Danish vessels which passed through the Skaggerak on Wednesday.

According to these reports, the British warships were scattered at intervals of about two kilometres throughout the channel between Skagen and the southernmost point of the Norwegian coast.—Trans-Ocean.

REPORT DENIED

Danzig, To-day.
The newspaper "Danziger Vorposten" denies a rumour that Mr. E. H. G. Shepherd, British Consul-General in Danzig has left the Free City, but it is confirmed that most Englishmen residing in Danzig have left.—Trans-Ocean.

H.K. BORDER SITUATION

Japanese troop movements continue between Shumchun and Namtau, according to latest messages from the border to-day.

Reports of the numbers of Japanese at Shumchun vary considerably.

This morning some 300 Japanese troops were reported moving from Shataukok in the direction of Sha-ng-chung, Mirs Bay terminus of the Tai-po-Sha-ng-chung Ferry Service.

All the villages between Namtau, Shumchun and Shataukok along the border on the Chinese side have now been occupied by Japanese troops.

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EMPLOYEE RELEASED ON \$4,000 BAIL

Bail of \$4,000 was allowed a 35-year-old accountant, Ho King-chuen, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when he was charged with conspiring to defraud his employers.

The case was adjourned for a week. It was alleged that accused, employed by the Shing Loong Firm in Wellington Street, entered in the books a false sale of goods to a non-existent firm, and then re-sold the goods to his employers for \$36,671.23. Accused will be represented by Mr. Hin-Shing Lo, and Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for complainant.



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ABNORMAL DEMANDS

Purpose of the issue of this special edition is to meet the demands of readers who have been unable to obtain copies of the normal late edition of the "China Mail." The demand to-day has been so great that we have been unable to cope with requirements in our ordinary editions.

GERMANY'S MOOD REVEALED

Berlin, To-day.

The "Cup Is Overflowing" is the heading to an editorial in the official Nazi organ "Voelkische Beobachter" to-day, which deals with countless reports reaching Berlin of military preparations in Poland, of "outrages against members of the German minority," and of the increasing "number of manifestations of uncontrolled chauvinism of the military authorities."

"We have emphatically warned," the paper declares, "against making the mistake of assuming that German patience is without limits."

"The responsibility for a situation which has become unbearable is absolutely clear.—The guilt lies with Poland, who allows hatred against everything German to express itself in such unparalleled provocations and not less with England, who gave and repeatedly renewed a carte blanche to Polish war-mongery."

NAZI "PATIENCE"

"The love of peace and the patience of the German people has been put to the hardest tests in these weeks of uninterrupted Polish terrorism."

"We cannot tolerate that Danzig is threatened by a Polish coup. Neither Warsaw nor London can have any doubt as to Germany's determination not to tolerate such a crime for the sake of peace."

"The line is clearly drawn where Germany is able or entitled to show any consideration."—Trans-Ocean.

DALADIER TO BROADCAST

Paris, To-day.

Premier Daladier will make a broadcast address this evening at 8 o'clock. The speech, it is presumed, will be a statement of the French attitude to the present European tension and is not expected to contain anything new.—Trans-Ocean.

Madrid, To-day.

The British military authorities in Gibraltar, it was reported last night, have ordered all foreigners to leave the colony with 48 hours.—Trans-Ocean.

DESPERATE ROOSEVELT EFFORT TO SAVE PEACE: THREE METHODS SUGGESTED

Washington, To-day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has made dramatic direct appeals to President Mosckicki of Poland and Herr Hitler to preserve peace and has suggested three methods of avoiding war —

Firstly, by direct negotiation;

Secondly, by submission of their controversy to impartial arbitration, and

Thirdly, agreement to adopt a procedure of conciliation and to select a conciliator or moderator. — Reuter.

The President also suggests a truce "for a reasonable stimulated period."

He significantly remarks that the people of the United States are as one in opposition to policies of military conquest and domination and in rejecting the thesis that any ruler and people possess the right to achieve their ends or objectives through action plunging countless millions into war and bringing distress and suffering to all nations, both belligerent and neutral.

The President's suggestions do not mean that President Roosevelt has another "Munich" in mind, according to his secretary. — Reuter.

In the meantime, Poland has ordered general mobilisation and Warsaw is threatened with troops on their way to various fronts. German troops are moving up to the Polish borders and Europe awaits anxiously on the scene which are being decided upon at Hitler's "war council" at the Chancellery.

German reports from Danzig that Poland has ordered general mobilisation is confirmed by the "last members of the German minority who managed to rescue themselves into the territory of the Free City."

All men up to the age of 42 have been called to the Colours, including the group which consists of men who at the last examination, were found to be of limited fitness for military service.

WOODS CUT DOWN

On the Danzig frontier, it is reported that last night all woods near Strebliinddi were cut down. The wood has been used for the construction of dug-outs and trenches.

In the vicinity of Rebnu, troops have been seen feverishly digging trenches.

DEFENCE STEP IN MALTA

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A PARTIAL MOBILISATION OF MALTA WAS ORDERED ON THURSDAY BY A SPECIAL DECREE OF THE GOVERNOR.

All fortification works, it is reported, have been fully manned and a state of alarm has been declared for the troops.

In the morning, the population was invited to volunteer for the Territorials and for civil defence organisations.

To-day, gas-masks will be distributed.—Trans-Ocean.

Tank trains in and around Gdynia have been covered with roofing felt so as to make them invisible to enemy planes.

Polish subjects of military age resident in Danzig have been called to the Colours. The "hermetically closed" Polish frontier was partly opened for the purpose of letting them into Poland.

Dock-workers were called to collecting stations directly from work yesterday morning, so that the loading and unloading of ships is meeting with considerable difficulty.

Railway transports destined for Danzig were held back on the frontier by the Polish guards.

War preparations (says the German report from Danzig) have resulted in increased nervousness in the population of Gdynia "which is manifesting itself in outrages against the last few remaining German residents."—Trans-Ocean.

H.K. BORDER SITUATION

Japanese troop movements continue between Shumchun and Namtau, according to latest messages from the border to-day.

Reports of the numbers of Japanese at Shumchun vary considerably.

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LUNGKONG CLASH

Reports received from trustworthy sources this afternoon state that a force of Japanese troops were almost wiped out by Chinese guerillas at Lungkong, a town midway between Pin-wan on the Canton-Kowloon Line, and Tam-chui.

BIAS BAY REPORT

Chinese reports, this afternoon state, that some 20 Japanese warships and a large number of trawlers and armed junks are concentrated in Bias Bay. Planes took off this morning from the gunboats and flew inland.

BRITISH FLEET IN BALTIC ZONE

Copenhagen, To-day.

According to an announcement by the Danish radio service numerous British warships have been observed from Kristiansund, in Norway.

The warships are said by observers to be exercising between Skogen, in Denmark, and the Norwegian coast. The fleet, which arrived in the Skagerrak on Wednesday, kept its searchlights active throughout Wednesday night.

The newspaper "Social Demokraten" remarks that these observations tally with reports from Danish vessels which passed through the Skagerrak on Wednesday.

According to these reports, the British warships were scattered at intervals of about two kilometres throughout the channel between Skagen and the southernmost point of the Norwegian coast.—Trans-Ocean.

NO HINT OF GERMAN DECISION

Berlin, To-day.

On the "war council" attended by the Fuehrer and the Reich Foreign Minister (von Ribbentrop), which went on until the early hours of this morning, and which was also attended by other cabinet members and the military and naval chiefs, no communique has been issued yet and complete silence is observed by official quarters.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE PREPARING

Paris, To-day.

The civil mobilization of France is continuing.

In numerous streets of Paris and of many cities in the frontier zone, appliances for "drowning lights" in case of air raids have been installed.

The Ministry of Public Works has advised all residents of Paris whose presence is not absolutely necessary to leave the country.

The Premier's office has instructed all workers of armament firms who are on leave at present to return immediately to their places of work.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPAN MAY REDUCE TERMS PEACE TALK AROUSSED IN FAR EAST

Peiping, To-day.

Coincident within the "peace statement" of General Yamada, Japanese commander-in-chief in Central China, in Shanghai, there is considerable peace talk in high Chinese and Japanese circles here, according to well-informed Chinese.

This is not caused by the European events but has probably been accelerated by them.

Sources declare that the younger officer group, regarded as extremists, are losing some of their influence to the older officers, and another source very close to the "provisional government" expressed the belief that the older generals are "willing to lower their price to talk peace."—Reuter.

POPE ALSO MAKES PLEA FOR PEACE

Vatican City, To-day.

Speaking firmly, and often with deep emotion, His Holiness the Pope yesterday addressed a peace appeal to the rulers and peoples of Europe.

His Holiness said: "Danger is imminent but there is still time. Nothing is lost with peace but all would be lost with war."

"To-day, when tension seems to have reached such a pitch that we fear the outbreak of the tremendous whirlwind of war, we make to rulers and peoples our warmest appeal—to the former that they may lay aside threats and arms and try to revolve the present difficulties by the only suitable method, namely considered agreements, and to the latter that they may encourage the peaceful initiative of their government."

"It is with the force of reason, and not with that of arms, that justice advances. Let men understand one another again and start negotiating."

HONOURABLE SUCCESS.

"In negotiating with goodwill and respect for reciprocal rights they will realise that peaceful negotiations never exclude honourable success."

"In supplicating the strong and the powerful, we have with us the whole of humanity, which looks for bread and freedom rather than for the sword which kills and destroys."—Reuter.

GERMAN DEPARTURES FROM HONG KONG

THE GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL IN HONG KONG TO-DAY DENIED REPORTS THAT GERMAN NATIONALS IN THE COLONY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE THE COLONY.

The Consul-General stated to the "China Mail" that the departure of Germans yesterday from the Colony was due to the warning and advice given by the Hong Kong Government and that those who left on contemporary leaving were acting on their own initiative.

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS APPEALED TO BOTH HITLER AND THE POLISH PRESIDENT TO PRESERVE PEACE.—REUTER.

NAZIS ALLEGE POLISH COUP PLAN

Berlin, To-day.

It is suggested by the German news agency reports from Warsaw that Polish military action against Danzig is imminent.

It is stated in German political circles that the declarations of British statesmen last evening have made a "negative impression" in Berlin. Meanwhile, the last British newsmen in Berlin have left for Copenhagen.—Reuter.

GERMAN TROOPS MOVING UNDER COVER OF HUGE PROHIBITED AIR ZONE

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

UNDER COVER OF THE HUGE PROHIBITED AREA FOR AIRCRAFT IN EAST GERMANY, MANY LAST-MINUTE TROOP MOVEMENTS ARE BEING PERFECTED.

From a very well-informed non-German military source, Reuter learns that the German tactics in the event of an invasion of Poland would be the following:

The main concentrations of troops are in East Prussia, where ten or eleven divisions are assembled, including the famous 1st Army Corps. It is understood that these troops would advance down the eastern bank of the Vistula.

Two other big concentrations are said to be in Pomerania, opposite Gdynia and near Breslau. The former would march straight across to Danzig and the second would come up in a north-easterly direction south of Poland.

There are perhaps 22 or 23 German divisions now round the Polish frontiers, and reserve divisions are being organised and brought up with remarkable frequency and efficiency.—Reuter.

FIRST BORDER CLASH.

Berlin, To-day.

The first serious frontier clash occurred last night, according to the German news agency, in the district of Makosha, near Hindenburg, in Upper Silesia.

Polish guards are alleged to have crossed into German territory, and German frontier officials opened fire upon the Poles refusing to return.

The Poles replied, and one man on each side was seriously wounded. The message adds that the "incident has evoked much indignation among the population."

Reuter's Warsaw Correspondent says that an atmosphere of distinct excitement prevailed in Warsaw last night but there was no trace of panic.

The streets were full of military cars, lorries and taxis taking reservists to the railway station.

In all cafes, soldiers were to be seen having farewell drinks with their friends, while officers dined with relatives in restaurants.

MORE RESERVISTS

Meanwhile, three more classes of reservists, aged 26 to 28, have been hurriedly called up, and specialists are being called to the age of 60. Altogether 800,000 men are believed to be affected.

Members of the German Embassy staff are packing.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

Anti-aircraft guns appeared on the roofs of prominent buildings in Berlin yesterday, and some brand-new models were taken through the streets in the morning.

Otherwise the city exhibits few signs of being on the verge of war.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.
The military have taken full control in Polish Upper Silesia.

They have ordered all hospitals to be evacuated and held ready for army use, while emergency hospitals have been established.

All schools and assembly halls are being used for billeting troops.

Transport vehicles are continuously pouring into the frontier zone. All privately-owned cars and motorcycles have been requisitioned.

Trenches are being dug everywhere behind the main fortifications, on which thousands are engaged in strengthening and supplementing. Families are being moved into the interior and trains to Cracow and Warsaw are crowded.

DANZIG ISOLATED

Traffic between Danzig and Poland has been almost completely interrupted.

Ships moving down the Vistula to Danzig are being stopped at Dirschau.

Danzig cut off telephone communications with Poland yesterday morning.

Poland thereupon closed the frontier to which Danzig responded by trying to hold Polish shipping. One steamer refused to submit to control and proceeded to Gdynia.—Trans-Ocean.

DANGER THREATENING

Berlin, To-day.

Special editions of Berlin newspapers last night unanimously stressed in huge headlines "Danger is threatening," explaining that an attack on Danzig by the Poles must now be expected immediately.

"Lokalanzeiger" points out that Poland is fond of coup d'etats, as shown last September when Poland occupied the Olsa district, and by the Polish invasion of Lithuania.

More and more serious reports on the situation on the Polish-Danzig frontier have not been able to create a feeling of nervousness in the Reich capital but have had the effect of hardening the German attitude.

BRITAIN CRITICISED

Von Ribbentrop, the Reich Foreign Minister, is said to have been received by Der Fuehrer at 10 p.m. yesterday and a large crowd has assembled outside the Chancellery and with them all Berlin is waiting with the greatest

ROOSEVELT NOT APPROACHING HITLER

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, stated yesterday that no copy of President Roosevelt's appeal to the King of Italy was being sent directly to the German Government.

One Washington official is quoted as saying that in effect, President Roosevelt's message asserted the "absolute right" of Poland to maintain her independence if she so desired.—Reuter.

JAPAN NOT CONSULTED BY NAZIS

Tokyo, To-day.

"Japan was not consulted beforehand in connection with the German-Soviet pact," declared the Premier, Baron Hiranuma, to the Japanese Cabinet Council yesterday, according to the Domei news agency.

Herr von Ribbentrop (the Nazi Foreign Minister), before his departure for Moscow, informed the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Oshima, that in view of the negotiations for a military pact between Britain, France and Russia, and the tense situation in Danzig, Germany had no alternative but to conclude a non-aggression pact with the Soviet.

Baron Hiranuma added that Japan now faced the necessity of dealing with the international situation from her own independent viewpoint.—Reuter.

attention for a communique on the conversation.

The speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax in the House of Commons yesterday are sharply criticised in Berlin, because, instead of advising the Poles to exercise moderation, both statesmen had given new support to Polish chauvinism which is manifesting itself at the moment in military measures against Danzig and outrages against members of the German minority.—Trans-Ocean.

COMPULSORY SERVICE TRIBUNAL

It is notified for general information that public sessions of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance No. 32 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th August, and Tuesday, 29th August.

MEDICAL DEPT. DECISION

IT IS NOTIFIED FOR THE INFORMATION OF INTENDING PASSENGERS TO PORTS REQUIRING CERTIFICATES, OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION THAT, MAINLY FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE, A NEW FORM OF VACCINATION CERTIFICATE IS TO BE INTRODUCED AS FROM FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1939.

The new procedure involves the purchase by Shipping Companies from the Treasury (Second floor, General Post Office Building) of receipted smallpox vaccination certificates to the value of \$2.-each. These forms are receipted and require no stamps and Shipping Companies are being requested to purchase these in quantity from the Treasury for distribution to intending passengers. By doing so, they will relieve congestion in the Treasury and afford some convenience to intending passengers.

Intending passengers may also obtain these certificates direct from the Treasury should they so desire.

Such certificates in blank will be handed to intended passengers who apply to shipping offices for their tickets. Passengers will be required to obtain a passport or other small photograph to fix to their certificates and to take them to the Port Health Office (No. 11, Ice House Street), where they will receive vaccination and where the certificate will be completed by the Port Health Officer or his Deputy. Those vaccinated by private practitioners may have the Government receipted certificates countersigned by the Port Health Officer or his Deputy. Similar certificates may also be issued by Government medical officers to persons vaccinated in Government hospitals.

The new procedure will come into force as from to-day.

TYPHOON MOVING NEARER

The Royal Observatory reports that an area of high pressure covers the Pacific to the east of Japan. A shallow depression remains over Tongking.

The Pacific typhoon is situated about 250 miles to the East of N. Luzon, moving N.W.

PRAYA ACCIDENT

A Chinese passenger was slightly injured in a collision between a bus and a truck opposite the Douglas Wharf, on the Praya, this morning.

The side of the bus was buckled in and the seat smashed. The injured Chinese is suffering from shock and abrasion to the right foot.

NO VOLUNTEER LEAVE

It is understood that no applications for leave by members of the H.K.V.D.C. are being granted, at the moment.

AIR IN HONG KONG THICK WITH WILDEST RUMOURS

IN HONG KONG TO-DAY, the air is thick with rumours, nine-tenths of which are absolutely untrue and unjustified. A good example is being set by the Chinese population, which is taking matters far more calmly than many Europeans.

In response to Government suggestion, the passport offices are crowded with people while in many of the banks equally large crowds have gathered to draw out money.

The women of Hong Kong are taking the Postmaster-General's warning to "be prepared" very seriously. Many of them stayed up to a late hour last night, packing and getting their affairs in order so as to be ready for any evacuation.

Yesterday, there were heavy purchases of gold dollars, a reliable source informing the "China Mail" that in one case a cheque for over Hong Kong \$1,300,000 changing hands.

There is an air of subdued excitement in the hotel lobbies and lounges, and the only topic of conversation is the situation in Europe and its possible repercussions here.

It is understood that the Govern-

ment is advising prominent Chinese to evacuate to Manila, Singapore or other suitable ports for time being.

RUN ON RICE SHOPS

Rice shops in the city and on the mainland are being besieged by Chinese purchasers. This afternoon all the shops in Cochrane Street and in the neighbourhood of Hollywood Road, and in Shanghai Street and Canton Road were thronged with people buying supplies.

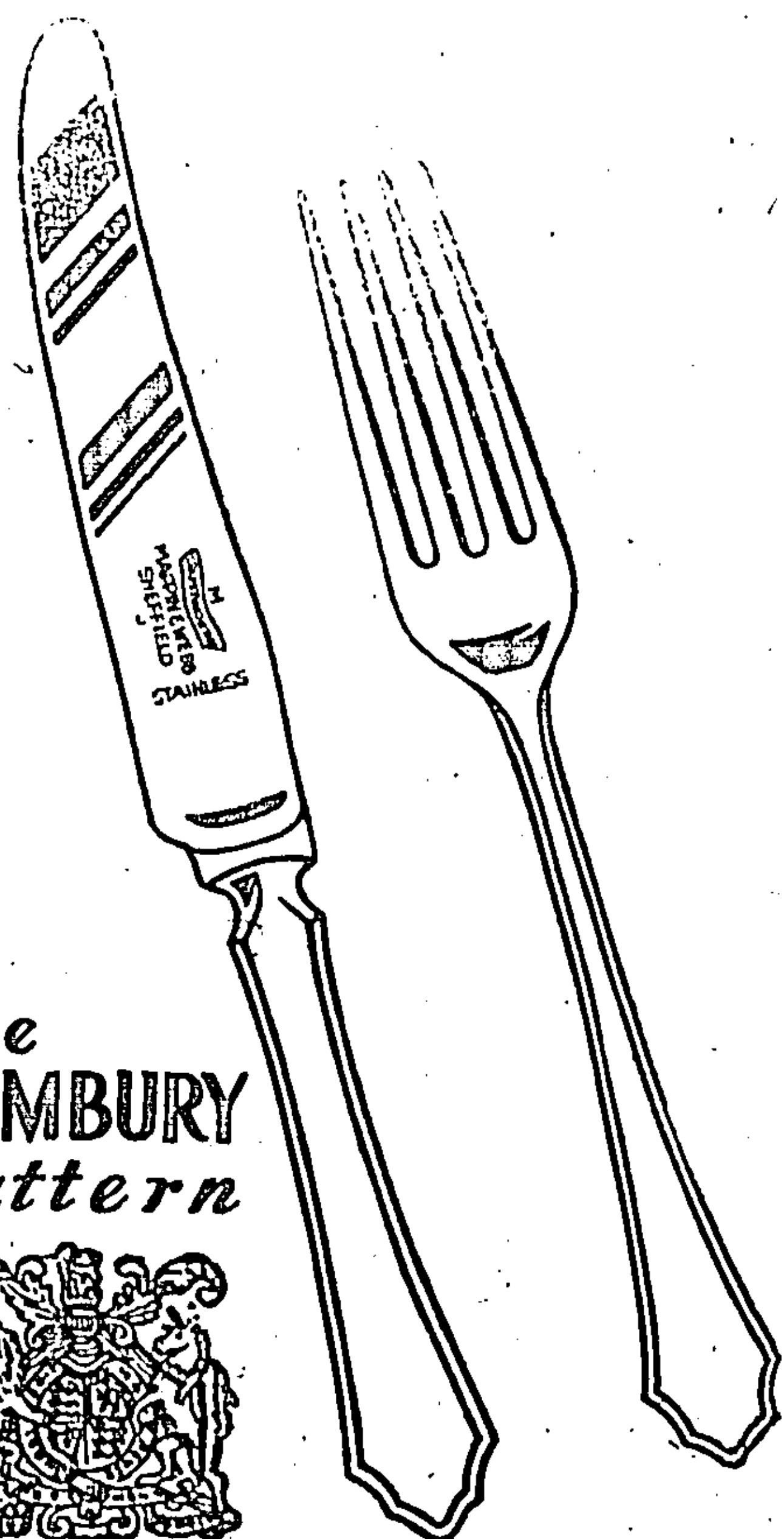
Mrs. C. Luberseber, of No. 26, Humphrey's Building, yesterday had a rattan-basket containing money and articles, valued at \$134, stolen while she was shopping in the Empress Silk Store in Nathan Road.

INTERPORTS CANCELLED?

Owing to the present international situation, it is extremely unlikely that either the lawn bowls or swimming teams will be proceeding to Shanghai according to schedule.

Various members of both teams have had their leaves cancelled and it is unlikely, even if the teams were to sail, that anything approaching representative teams could be got together.

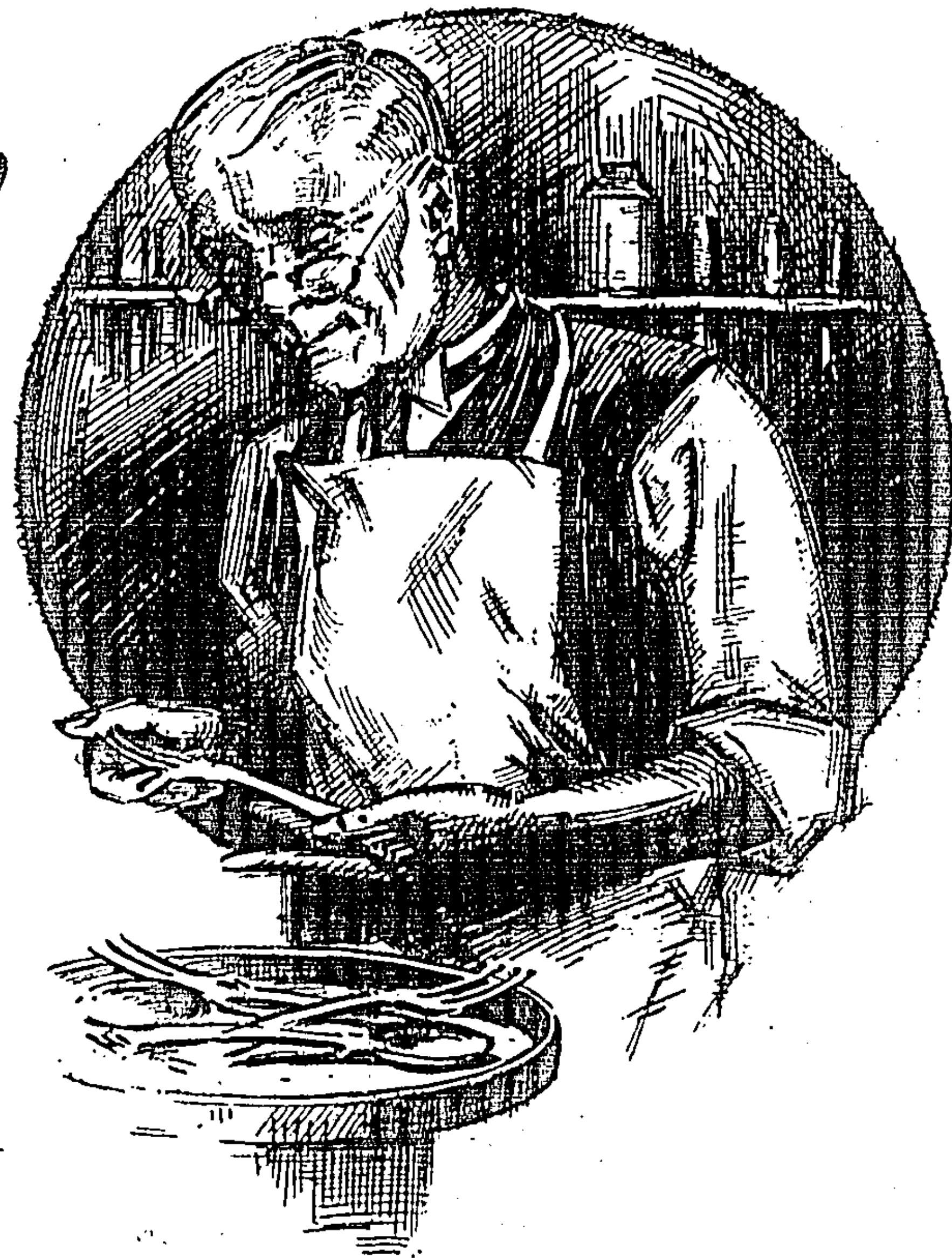
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THE PACIFIST POSITION

London, To-day.

Mr. George Lansbury, the well-known pacifist, who said he spoke for more than a tiny minority in this country, called attention in the House of Commons debate yesterday to General Smuts' statement, in which the South African leader said there were people who hold that war in Europe would mean the end of the old order of civilisation.

No pacifist, declared Mr. Lansbury, could make a clearer statement on the futility of war than that.

Mr. Lansbury added: "I believe the Prime Minister has done his very utmost to preserve peace." (Loud cheers). — Reuter.

RUSSIA RETIRING INTO ISOLATION, OR WHAT? FRENCH CABINET ATTITUDE

Paris, To-day.

WHILE MEN WERE HURRYING to join their units all over France yesterday, the Cabinet under President Albert Lebrun unanimously approved new military measures taken by the Premier, M. Edouard Daladier.

According to well-informed circles, members of the Government attached less importance to the text of the German-Soviet pact than to the underlying intentions of the negotiators.

What concerned them most was to discover whether the pact was an excuse for Russia to retire into isolation or a real agreement for collaboration between the countries.

The possibility of formation of a national government if the situation worsens is being discussed in Government circles following the meeting of the Council.

M. Daladier would proceed with such a step by appealing for national unity.

Meanwhile, private vehicles are being requisitioned and special trains are running from all termini for reservists.

Long-distance telephones have been reserved for official communications.

PARIS EVACUATION

Families are evacuating Paris, and aeroplanes and trains to England are crowded.

The streets nevertheless are calm, and there is no sign of nervousness, but there is clear evidence that the country is standing unanimously behind the Government. — Reuter.

RIBBENTROP HOPES

Moscow, To-day.
The conviction that the German-Soviet pact would "beneficially influence Soviet-Japanese relations as well as the German-Japanese friendship," was expressed by Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, in a statement issued before his departure from Moscow after signing the pact. — Reuter.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

The London Stock Exchange, following overnight news on the international situation, saw prices marked lower, with dealings only possible by direct negotiations.

At about noon, minimum prices were fixed for gilt-edged securities, giving the whole list a steadier appearance.

Commodities were generally quiet, apart from fair activity in wheat and cotton and, to a lesser extent, in sugar.

On the foreign exchange market business was confined to adjustment of positions, although U.S. dollars were still demanded against sales of gold.

Silver advanced a penny to 19-1/16d on lack of sellers and in the face of a moderate demand. Wall Street was easy. — Reuter.

FLIGHT FROM FLOOD TO PEIPING

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

FLOOD REFUGEES, BOTH CHINESE AND JAPANESE, FROM THE TIENTSIN AREA CONTINUE TO POUR IN AN ENDLESS STREAM INTO PEIPING, MOST HAVING SPENT DAYS MAROONED IN UPPER FLOORS OR ROOFS BEFORE BEING ABLE TO HIRE BOATS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE RAILWAY.

Most of the refugees are arriving with very few or no possessions, and are depending on charity here for their continued existence.

The local authorities are appropriating relief funds in hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it appears certain that millions will be needed. — Reuter.

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that the following have passed as Members of The Despatch Corps:—Y. K. Shum, Greene Lee, Li Che Min, Lam Hong Lai, Lee Hon Wing, Chan Kit Sang, Liang Sin Tai and Ho Sit Fun.

RAILWAY STRIKE CALLED OFF

London, To-day.

After a two-hour meeting with the Minister of Labour yesterday, the executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen stated that the strike, previously announced, had been definitely called off. — Reuter.

KEEPING RUSSIA OUT

Koenigsberg, To-day.

The Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, arrived here from Moscow yesterday.

Addressing a Nazi demonstration he said: "The Fuehrer sent me to Moscow."

"That no doubt came as a surprise to Germans but we know what the Fuehrer does is for the best. "Russia was about to be brought into the encirclement front."

The Fuehrer acted quickly and has kept Russia out. "We live in serious times but I am sure that every German will support the Fuehrer whatever happens." — Reuter.

DEFENCE STEPS IN MOROCCO

Madrid, To-day.

Spanish press reports from Morocco allege that extensive military precautions have been taken in French Morocco.

The French are said to have concentrated about 150,000 men in the region close to the frontier of the Spanish zone. — Trans-Ocean.

GUERRILLA RAID

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese guerrillas raided the Hung-jao Aerodrome early yesterday morning. Several planes were damaged before Japanese reinforcements arrived on the scene. The guerrillas exchanged fire for about 30 minutes and then retreated. — Our Own Correspondent.

MISSIONS REVERSE DECISION

Moscow, To-day.

The British and French military missions are expected to leave within 24 hours.

The British mission, under instructions from London, may travel to Helsinki (Finland) and remain there pending developments.

The French mission applied for exit visas on Wednesday evening.

Some members of the two missions were to leave shortly after midnight this morning, while the remainder are leaving on Friday morning. — Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

Without explanation, the British and French military missions suddenly reversed their decision to leave Moscow last night.

All officials of the missions would say last night was "The missions might or might not leave to-morrow." — Reuter.

BRITONS LEAVING BERLIN

Berlin, To-day.

British families are packing and besieging the travel agencies, where there is a tremendous run on tickets for abroad.

The British Embassy is the scene of feverish activity instead of the usual dignified calm.

Secretaries in shirt-sleeves have been working day and night for 48 hours in order to keep abreast of the work.

The British Consulate is thronged with enquirers.

Berlin is sweltering under a heat wave and the sunny streets do not reflect the international tension. — Reuter.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations today:—

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. Lands \$31 1/2/31 sa.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Yaumati Ferries \$22 1/2 sa.

China Lights (Old) \$7 6 1/2 sa.

China Lights (New) \$52 1/2/51 sa.

STORES, & C.

Watsons \$7 1/4 sa.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. .17 sa.

Atoks Ps. .15 b.

Baguio Gold Ps. .16 sa.

Batong Buhay Ps. .011 sa.

Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.60 sa.

Big Wedge Ps. .18 sa.

Coco Grove Ps. .17 b.

Consol. Mines Ps. .0015 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .08 sa.

I.X.L. Ps. .37 1/2 sa.

Ipo Gold Ps. .13 b.

Itogons Ps. .19 sa.

Mambulao Ps. .05 1/4 b.

Masbates Ps. .08 1/4 sa.

Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .07 1/4 sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .10 1/2 sa.

North Camarines Ps. .19 1/2 sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .13 1/2 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .74 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .19 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .11 1/2 sa.

United Paracales Ps. .30 1/2 sa.

ITALY SILENT ON EFFECT OF NEW PACT: URGING POLAND TO CAPITULATE

TWO HOUR CONFERENCE

Paris, To-day.

The following report was issued after the two-hour Ministerial Council at the Elysee Palace yesterday morning:

The Council was devoted exclusively to examination of the international situation. The Premier, M. Daladier, submitted a report on the military measures of security he had been compelled to take, which were unanimously approved.

The Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet also reported on the international situation, with an analysis of the German-Soviet pact.

Official quarters stress France's firm determination to adhere to her commitments towards Poland, and take an extremely grave view of the situation.—Trans-Ocean.

RUMANIA'S INVITATION TO HUNGARY

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED THE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY TO CONCLUDE IMMEDIATELY A NON-AGGRESSION PACT, IT IS REPORTED IN WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS HERE.

The government at the same time, it is declared, rejected Hungarian representations concerning alleged Rumanian troop concentrations on the Hungarian frontier.

The Rumanian Government is said to have explained that it had not ordered mobilization but that reservists had been called up for normal autumn manoeuvres which were being held in Trans-sylvania, far from the Hungarian frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA BANKS TO MOVE HEAD OFFICES

The "China Mail" was officially informed this morning that the head offices of the four Chinese Government banks, the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, Limited, the Bank of Communications and the Agricultural and Industrial Bank of China, have been definitely instructed by Chungking to move to Kunming.

The local branches of the four banks are not affected by the order and will continue to function in the Colony.

(A foreign newsagency reported from Chungking yesterday that "according to authoritative quarters the Government is not considering the evacuation of the "Big Four banks.")

REPORT DENIED

Danzig, To-day.

The newspaper "Danziger Vorposten" denies a rumour that Mr. E. H. G. Shepherd, British Consul-General in Danzig has left the Free City, but it is confirmed that most Englishmen residing in Danzig have left.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins, of No. 16, Kent Road, reported that yesterday a burglar entered his bathing shed, No. 46B (11-mile Beach), and stole a watch, and a ladies' handbag, valued at \$34.

Rome, To-day.
NO ITALIAN COMMENT has yet been made on the signing of the German-Soviet pact and it is still too early to sum up the Italian view.

Great prominence, however, is given to the unequivocal reply given by the Fuehrer to Mr. Chamberlain's message, conveyed by the British Ambassador.

"Corriere Della Sera", however, advises the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, to board a plane and hasten to Obersalzberg to see the Fuehrer!

EUROPEAN GIVEN GAOL SENTENCE

APPEARING ON REMAND BEFORE MR. R. EDWARDS AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, MATTHEW HIND, ALIAS M. C. STEWART, 26-YEAR-OLD MARINE ENGINEER, WAS SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' HARD LABOUR FOR OBTAINING BY FALSE PRETENCES \$50 FROM THE HONG KONG HOTEL; FOR FORGING A CHEQUE; AND FOR UTTERING A FORGED CHEQUE, ON AUGUST 12.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton for the prosecution, said that defendant registered at the Hotel on August 3, under the name of M. C. Stewart.

On August 12, defendant met Mr. Holland and Mr. Fraser at the Hotel, where they had a long conversation, in defendant's room, about shipping.

The same day, defendant gave the room-boy a Chartered Bank cheque for \$50, and asked him to cash it. The money was paid to him later by the accountant of the Hotel.

WALLET MISSING

Two days later Mr. Fraser discovered wallet containing a cheque book of the Chartered Bank, missing.

The same day defendant, went to the Parisian Grill, where he asked the manager to cash a cheque for him, but was refused.

The Chartered Bank later informed the Hotel, that the cheque, under the name of defendant, was a bad one.

Defendant was arrested on August 16, when he failed to pay his hotel bill.

Inspector A. L. Hopkins represented the Police.

EMPLOYEE RELEASED ON \$4,000 BAIL

Bail of \$4,000 was allowed a 35-year-old accountant, Ho King-chuen, by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when he was charged with conspiring to defraud his employers.

The case was adjourned for a week. It was alleged that accused, employed by the Shing Loong Firm in Wellington Street, entered in the books a false sale of goods to a non-existent firm, and then re-sold the goods to his employers for \$36,871.23.

Accused will be represented by Mr. Hin-Shing Lo, and Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for complainant.

The sacrifice which Poland would have to make in that case, it says, would be insignificant compared with the sacrifice entailed by having to wage a war.

Yet, that alone would not serve to banish the present crisis in international affairs as there would still remain the question of Italy's claims!

ONE COMMENT

The Moscow pact, says the "Popolo D'Italia," creates a new situation in Europe.

The injustices of Versailles will have to disappear. The policy of encirclement has received a mortal blow by the defection of the Soviet, leaving Poland alone in the East.

Perhaps, it is still able to get into touch with the Reich. At any rate the road to Berlin is Poland's only salvation.—Trans-Ocean.

PRECAUTIONARY EVACUATION BEGINS IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The systematic evacuation of women and children from London has begun. Persons affected are being transported by road and rail to the places in the country already designed to receive them.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINA TAKES NOTE OF PACT REPERCUSSIONS

Chungking, To-day.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT LEADERS are carefully studying possible repercussions in Asia of the German-Soviet pact, in order to be in a position to take necessary steps. It is felt locally that a European war is approaching and in the event of Britain and France being involved, much-needed material and financial help will not continue. China's influential leaders have arrived in Chungking from Hong Kong in order to confer on the Chinese financial situation.

Optimism is felt in leading circles, especially concerning Chinese currency, which has risen during the last few days.

Further encouragement is given by the prospect of a good harvest, especially in Szechuen, Hunan and Kiangsi.

Large-scale government purchases of rice, ordered by the highest leaders, aim at assisting the farmers. Several silos are under construction for storing rice.

BRITONS ANXIOUS

Chungking British circles are anxious, since reports on the European situation received from Hong Kong are very unfavourable.

Rumours so far unconfirmed assert that the newly-appointed Soviet Ambassador to China (whose name is undisclosed) arrived here two days ago and has already had lengthy consultations with the Chinese premier.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN ACTIVITY ON BELGIAN BORDER

Brussels, To-day.

Activity is taking place in the German fortifications along the Belgian frontier, according to reports from Eupen.

Lorries of all kinds, especially artillery vehicles, are seen constantly coming and going at several places.

Requisition is reported to be taking place and reservists, especially those belonging to artillery units, are being called up.

Big movements of troops are reported in the neighbourhood of Treves.

Troops of the regular army have been replaced by reservists on the German-Luxembourg frontier.—Reuter.

WHAT OF THE SOVIET PACT WITH FRANCE

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE RUSSO-GERMAN PACT WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF INVALIDATING THE FRANCO-RUSSIAN MILITARY ALLIANCE OF 1935 EVEN SHOULD IT NOT BE FORMALLY DENOUNCED.

Denouncement would, it is argued, be mere formality since the alliance has now been rendered inoperative.

It is stressed that the rapidity with which the pact was concluded proves the determination of the two Governments to revert to the traditional policy of Russo-German co-operation which characterised the relations between the two countries in the 19th century!

The consultations provided for by the Pact are interpreted in Germany as meaning that Moscow and Berlin intend deciding, jointly, all questions affecting Eastern Europe, to the exclusion of Britain and France.—Trans-Ocean.

SHANGHAI RUMOUR RIFE

Chungking, To-day.

Rumours are rife in Shanghai that the Japanese will start a blockade of the International Settlement.

It is also rumoured that the Japanese may attempt to seize the extra-Settlement area by force. All leave to British troops has been stopped.

The Japanese have tightened their patrol on the border of the International Settlement. Additional telephone lines have been installed.

Meanwhile, the Japanese-controlled papers are continuing their attacks on the Settlement authorities in regard to the recent shooting incident in Jessfield Road.—Central News.

"WE ARE NOT YET AT WAR"

BUT, PROSPECT WILL EMERGE IN A FEW DAYS, OR WEEKS

London, To-day.

THE ONE DISCORDANT NOTE in the House of Commons debate yesterday afternoon was provided by Mr. James Maxton, leader of the Independent Labour Party.

Mr. Maxton declared that the I.L.P. would not support war.

The next speaker, Mr. Anthony Eden, declared that Mr. Maxton was not alone in hating war, but experience had shown that however far we might go to meet demands, the result was more domination and more ruthless demands.

HALIFAX STATEMENT IN LORDS

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords, where the galleries were packed, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, yesterday afternoon made a statement on similar lines to that of Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

Lord Halifax said: "In regard to the German minority, I would say this. Every country must be concerned to secure just treatment for minorities and must naturally feel particularly interested in minorities allied to it by race.

"No one in this country would wish to defend conditions under which such treatment is denied to any minority section.

"But if causes for complaint exist, let them not be made the ground for such embitterment of the atmosphere as must make any settlement a hundred times more difficult, but let them fairly and dispassionately be brought to examination so that before the public opinion of the world some ground may be established for their consideration and redress."

"MOST BRAVE"

Lord Snell (Labour) described Lord Halifax's statement as "most brave," and said the Labour Party was only concerned that no words would be used which would give any sort of comfort to those who were hoping to see in England a disunited people.—Reuter.

PRESSURE ON STERLING

New York, To-day.

Pressure put on forward Sterling on the New York foreign exchange market yesterday, especially on near-by months, was intensified in the afternoon coincident with rumours of impending drastic restrictions on the London foreign exchange market.

Discount is the widest since Britain suspended the gold standard.

Weakness was most pronounced and the Sterling check-rate is now quoted at 1-1/8 per cent.—Reuter.

For anchoring their sampans within 100 yards of Stonecutters Island at 9.10 a.m. yesterday, four sampan owners were this morning fined \$5, or 10 days each by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon.

The situation, added Mr. Eden, was as grave and perilous as any this country had faced at any time in its history.

"The gravest danger of war at the moment lies in the belief of the German people that whatever action the German Government may take against Poland, that action will not result in war with this country or France.

"In signing this pact with Russia, the German Government has made a very grave miscalculation. They thought that a consequence would be that we would go back on our pledge to Poland.

"That was unthinkable."

STRANGE ERROR

"It was strange that the German leaders should know so little about history—that the greater the odds and the greater the difficulties so the stronger becomes our determination to stand by those to whom we pledge our word."

Mr. McGovern (Independent Labour) said he was not dismayed by the Russo-German pact because he believed it desirable to know who were our enemies.

He had no use for treachery and double-dealing of any kind.

Mr. McGovern added that he took the view last year that one country in the world that desired war was Russia.

GRIM FACT

Mr. L. S. Amery (Conservative) declared the situation was one which called for action. In all sobriety he thought we ought to face the grim fact that we were almost certain to be confronted within a few days or a few weeks with the prospect of war.

That being so, it would be madness on our part not to take every measure that would be required if war came.

Mr. Amery declared that the Prime Minister should equip himself with a small Cabinet of men capable of facing the appalling task with which they were likely to be confronted.

UNITED NATION

Replying to the debate, Mr. Chamberlain said: "We are not yet at war. Perhaps we may escape war, but what we wanted to do was to show to the world that in this time of crisis we are united in our main purpose.

"I, who at this moment carry perhaps a greater responsibility than any member of this House, ask you to conclude this debate and get on with the action that we are here to take—to give the world that notice of our unity which we desire to give." —Reuter.

DANZIG ARRIVAL

Danzig, To-day.

The former German battleship "Schleswig-Holstein," now a cadet training ship, will arrive in Danzig harbour at 8 a.m. to-day.

The warship will anchor in the harbour canal at Neufahrwasser. —Trans-Ocean.

MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

UNITED EMPIRE

To-day both peace and freedom are threatened by aggressive and despotic forces, and the Empire is meeting a challenge that must be faced unflinchingly. It must draw on spiritual sources of strength as well as increase its armed power, and the world is looking to Britain and the Empire for a leadership which is both moral and material. If the enduring peace secured within the boundaries of the Empire is to be extended to the world outside, this can only be achieved by preservation of free thought, speech, and action. Meanwhile, the peoples of the Empire must shoulder the responsibilities and obligations, as well as cherish the rights, of free men and women. Only by equal sacrifice and devotion can we effectively resist the aggressive use of these qualities by the Dictatorships. To-day the Empire stands united by common interest, sentiments, and ideals, but these can only prevail when strengthened by the final unity of service in their cause.—"Sydney Morning Herald."

REACHING A CLIMAX

This present week may very well prove to be the most fateful in the history of the world, for it is quite likely that before its end the decision of whether it shall be peace or war will have been taken. The crisis in Europe over the fate of Danzig is rapidly approaching a climax, and Herr Hitler will shortly have to decide whether he will hold his hand or plunge Europe and perhaps the whole world into war.

The technique of last year is being faithfully copied. In the German press a veritable whirlwind of hate is being displayed against the Poles, and the usual crescendo of tales of atrocities wreaked upon Germans in Poland is just about reaching the utmost fortissimo position in the German controlled newspapers. There is no likelihood of the world accepting a *fait accompli* with regard to Danzig, if Poland cares to resist. If Danzig is left alone there will be no war; if it is sought to include it in the Reich and Poland decides to fight, there will be war, but the real decision rests with Herr Hitler, and to abandon his present position would be to admit a defeat.—"North China Daily News."

IRONY AT GDYNIA

One of those ironies which are perhaps more entertaining than instructive, and yet are instructive too, smiles grimly out of the Danzig controversy.

The German press is opposing the argument, recently officially accepted by Britain, that Danzig is vital to Poland by pointing out that Poland has another port in Gdynia, and that, indeed, Poland's purpose in building up Gdynia was to paralyze Danzig. No doubt many purposes lay behind Polish development of Gdynia—one of which quite naturally was to insure an outlet for Polish goods on the Baltic should Danzig ever cease to serve as such. But one of the original motivating factors for the construction of a port at Gdynia is authoritatively recorded to have been the refusal of Danzigers to handle arms and ammunition supplies for Poland when that country was threatened with a Bolshevik invasion.

Gdynia therefore seems to have more claim to being an anti-Comintern city than has Danzig and therefore would appear to be more "eligible" for inclusion in the Greater Reich! But perhaps it is too early to talk of that.—"Christian Science Monitor."

A STRONGER BRITAIN

One of the reasons for the catastrophe that goes under the name of "Munich" (a name that has become generic) was the failure of Great

Britain to display her armed might. That might may have been inadequate during the September Crisis, but such as it was, it could have been displayed much more impressively. Behind the words of gentle warning—gentle, not by British standards, but more than gentle, that is to say, weak and irresolute, by German standards—there was almost nothing visible that could convince Hitler of this country's determination. Since then, there has been a great change. Not only has the British air force achieved formidable striking power, not only have the defences against air raids developed so that no enemy can attack without the risk of losses so heavy that, in the long run, they must prove ruinous to the enemy's air power, but this offensive and defensive capacity has been displayed in the most unmistakable manner. The flights of British bombing planes over France are not a mere stunt, and not meant to do no more than participate in the celebrations of July 14. They are serious strategic and tactical manoeuvres, a grim rehearsal, in fact, of aerial operations that may have to be undertaken against Germany before long. It is a mistake to suppose that the Germans—and Hitler especially—are not aware of this.—"Time and Tide."

EMPIRE WILL SUPPORT BRITAIN!

In practice almost the entire British Empire can be relied upon to come to the aid of Britain in the event of a war. The only Dominion both willing and able to remain neutral is South Africa.

Ireland would like to be neutral but probably will not be able to because it is on Ireland that England

can exercise her most immediate pressure. Canada must be expected to hurry to England's side more or less quickly, while "Red" New Zealand is likely to join in from the very beginning for ideological reasons. The influence of the pro-English upper class should ensure India's assistance, though the anti-English lower class might render the assistance partly ineffective.

Australia in the case of a purely European war, will see her way to making some gesture on behalf of London. If the conflict extends to the Pacific, however, Australia will try to keep herself out of the line of fire.—"National Zeitung," Essen.

BRITISH FLAG INFURIATES

Everybody, even the British, know, that the British flag flying over the Rock of Gibraltar infuriates the Spaniards and annoys all the other Mediterranean peoples, who do not see why, the door of their house should be kept by a blonde people with a house on the North Sea.

As long as Spain was weak, Gibraltar was a source of strength to Britain. Now that Spain is rapidly turning into a military power of the first rank Gibraltar is becoming a source of weakness.

Without writing Gibraltar off completely, it may safely be said that it has lost 50 per cent. of its defensive value and from 70 to 75 per cent. of its offensive value. We do not believe that the air-raid shelters which Britain is feverishly constructing at Gibraltar, and the new batteries with which she is equipping the Rock can balance the concrete factors of the new situation in the Mediterranean created by the imperial ambitions of the new Spain.—"Popolo d'Italia," Rome.

NEW D.O.R.A. BECOMES LAW

London, To-day.

The Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill, the new name for the famous Defence of the Realm Act of the Great War, was rushed through all its stages in the House of Commons yesterday without a division and after only a brief discussion.

The Bill, after having passed the House of Lords, received the Royal Assent and is now law.

Both Houses of Parliament adjourned until next Thursday.

Only vote taken during yesterday's House of Commons session was on the procedure motion, which was carried by the overwhelming majority of 427 votes to four.

The minority was the Independent Labour Party. — Reuter.

COMMONS IMPATIENT TO GET INTO ACTION - GOVT. GIVES ASSURANCES

London, To-day.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, which listened to the Prime Minister's statement in hushed attention and had displayed an undercurrent of impatience during the subsequent speeches, as though anxious to proceed with the business, formally gave the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill its first reading.

The Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, immediately moved the second reading, recalling that he was one of the comparatively small number of members who remembered the introduction of the Defence of the Realm Bill in August, 1914.

He regretted that once again a Home Secretary had to ask for powers which trench upon many of the most cherished liberties of his fellow citizens, but added:

"To-day we are faced with such a situation that there is no alternative open to me. I come to the House to say that the powers included in this Bill are not only as essential as in 1914 but are ten times more essential than in those days.

"In 1914 war was still a slow motion tragedy. Since then, the speed with which warlike acts are carried out in the world adds to the perplexities and problems.

"That speed creates a danger which for the first time confronts this island as a result of the great development of aviation.

"There is now a twilight between peace and war, perhaps the most dangerous of any period in inter-

national affairs, in which it is essential that any British Government must be armed with emergency powers.

WIDE, DRASTIC

"On that account, whilst we still hope that the final catastrophe may be averted, it is essential from to-day onwards that we should have at our disposal the powers set out in the Bill.

"These powers are very wide, very

drastic and very comprehensive.

"To leave a gap anywhere in a situation of this kind may mean that your efforts may be frustrated and that the country may be faced with a danger the importance of which cannot be exaggerated.

COMMONSENSE

"Whilst on one hand the powers asked for are wide, flexible and indefinite, I give the House an undertaking that we will still apply them with moderation, toleration and commonsense.

"It is of the utmost importance that the Bill should become law to-day. We should not propose in the course of a few hours, unless the situation should become much worse, issuing great codes of new regulations.

"What we should do would be to

LABOUR AND LIBERAL PARTIES GIVE UNRESERVED SUPPORT

London, To-day.

MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, Deputy Leader of the Labour Opposition, who followed Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the House of Commons debate on the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill yesterday afternoon, declared that the Premier's statement was of the utmost gravity.

"The war clouds are gathering over Europe and the world is in the shadow, and a terrible and terrifying responsibility lies on the shoulders of him who lets loose the hounds of war.

"I say that this situation has arisen very largely through the mistaken policies which we have strongly criticised in the past, but we are facing a tragic situation and I do not propose at a time of crisis to rake over the embers of days behind us. (General Cheers).

"The peace front which most of us hoped for has been greatly impaired by this morning's news, but Britain and France remain in an alliance of close friendship and are in a no worse position.

"My main purpose is to try and make clear the attitude of the Opposition."

LABOUR'S STAND

Mr. Greenwood read the declaration of the National Council of Labour, published on Wednesday night, and added: "I say that we take not one single syllable or comma away from our declarations.

"We still stand by them without qualifications or hesitation.

"We are not supporters of this Government, but let no man abroad think that Labour will be a willing party to acquiescence in any further actions of aggression.

"The world must know that in this attitude against aggression, British Labour is unshakeable.

"The issue is not whether we like this Government. The point is that Labour abominates aggression and believes that only by preventing or resisting it can civilisation and orderly relations between nations be maintained.

UNITED PEOPLE

"I emphasise this because I wish to make it unmistakably plain to those beyond the seas that if unfortunately the time comes when this policy has to be implemented, the foe will not find a disunited people. (Cheers).

"The unity of His Majesty's subjects will be complete, and the issue will be faced with providence and fortitude.

NATIONAL HONOUR

"Although the clouds are dark, if every step can be taken to make constructive proposals, I hope they will be taken and I hope we can convince the German people that we are a fundamentally reasonable nation and if there are legitimate grievances it is not beyond the wit of man to remove them without resort to violence, and I would urge the Government therefore to take every possible step consistent with the national honour to avert disaster, so that it shall not be said, if the worst should happen, that Britain was in any way responsible for the tragedy.

"Finally, let me say that we bear no hostility to the German people."

LIBERAL LEADER SPEAKS

"This is the time for closing our ranks and for a demonstration of unity," said Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal Party, in the House of Commons debate yesterday.

"Let us hope to convince the aggressor of the firmness of our purpose, and to deter him from gambling upon war."

"It is not upon moral justice

NO PRESS CENSORSHIP

face the situation and bring into force regulations mainly of a precautionary character.

LIBERTY OF SUBJECT

"In some respects they would affect economic matters and perhaps the greater part of them would deal with such questions as A.R.P.

"I give the House an undertaking that we do not intend to affect the liberty of the subject.

"I give the press an undertaking that there will be no censorship until and unless this country is actually involved in hostilities.

"I also give another very important assurance—that we do not intend to deal with Labour questions under the Defence of the Realm regulations, neither have we any intention of using these emergency powers for peacetime purposes.

EMERGENCY MEASURE

"The great safeguard is that the Bill is an emergency measure which will only remain in operation for a limited period of time."

Mr. Arthur Greenwood indicated that the Labour Opposition would not oppose the second reading of the Bill.

Sir Samuel Hoare, replying to the debate, said that financial regulations would be necessary at no distant date. There would be an announcement before the issue of regulations.

If they were announced before issue there would be every opportunity for forestalling and speculation.

Speaking generally, the powers under the Bill covered very much the same ground as the Defence of the Realm regulations between 1914 and 1918.

The Bill would not touch the question of privileges of Members of Parliament or restrict them in any way.

REQUISITIONING

The emergency regulations provide for the taking possession of and controlling of any property or undertaking or acquisition of property, but the regulations give the right of entry and search of any premises and the application of any enactment with or without modification.

The regulations apply, inter alia, to all British ships and aircraft wherever they may be.

The Bill provides for the apprehension, trial and punishment of offenders against the regulations, and the detention of persons whose detention appears expedient in the interests of the public safety.—Reuter.

tion that Hitler relies to secure the support of his people, but propaganda and success—success in attaining apparently limited objectives one after another.

STARK FACTS

"He uses and disregards political principles and ideas (Cheers) such as the anti-Comintern pact and self-determination, just as it suits him, either to gather friends or allies or to mask his real intentions and bamboozle his opponents.

"If we yield on Danzig we should have to face in the near future further demands, each one more threatening to our vital interests, and we should have to face such demands weakened and discredited by our betrayal of the Poles.

"It is yet too early to assess the precise value of the Russo-German treaty. It is a clear implication, however, that it is to the British Empire rather than Russia that Hitler will in future look for his territorial living space.

PRINCIPLES AT STAKE

"Let us give the world to-day, by speech and action," concluded Sir Archibald Sinclair, "an impressive and convincing demonstration that when the vital interests of our country and the moral values of civilised life and the peace of the world are menaced by force, the British Parliament and people stand firmly with the people of France without hatred or hostility for the German or any other people in defence of its principles of international morality, freedom and justice, on which alone we can establish lasting peace." — Reuter.

FATEFUL HITLER WAR COUNCIL

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler yesterday dashed back to Berlin from Berchtesgaden to take immediate charge of the momentous events expected in the immediate future.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, the Air Minister, was waiting to welcome Hitler at the Chancellery, and a small crowd cheered as his personal standard was run up on the roof.

Later, the Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, landed at Tempelhof aerodrome and drove straight to see Hitler.

It is understood that all Hitler's Ministers and the General Staff chiefs who are in Berlin were instructed to come round to the Chancellery in the evening.

The "war council" was expected to last till late.

BRITISH EMBASSY PACKING UP

Activity in the Wilhelmstrasse is tremendous, and German Ministers are continually coming and going, while the British Embassy is packing up and sorting out papers.

Germany and Soviet Russia are spoken of as "two great East European powers" in last night's first comments on the signing of the Berlin-Moscow pact.

"Der Angriff" writes that Russia and Germany alone will solve questions in the realm in which both have vital rights.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler, Herr von Ribbentrop (Foreign Minister) and Field-Marshal Goering (Air Minister) have been in conference since 7 o'clock last evening, and German military chiefs are also believed to be present.

The opinion is generally expressed that Germany's decision regarding Poland has been made and is on the point of being carried out.

The conference was still in progress at 12.30 this morning.

It is confirmed that General Brauchitsch (commander-in-chief of the army) and Admiral Raeder (commander-in-chief of the navy) are attending, and undoubtedly other high military officers are also present at the meeting, which may turn out to be the most fateful conference of the year.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT ACTING ALONE

Washington, To-day.

The message by President Roosevelt to the Italian King was sent without previous consultation between the U.S. Government and other States. Mr. Cordell Hull declared at the press conference yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

MOBILISATION IN HOLLAND

The Hague, To-day.

The Netherlands Government yesterday afternoon ordered partial mobilisation. The order has been publicly posted throughout the country.—Trans-Ocean.

Only three cholera cases were reported to the local Health Department yesterday. Twenty-five tuberculosis, one diphtheria, and two measles cases were also notified.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the R.E.O.C.A. has been compelled to cancel the Bathing Picnic arranged for to-morrow evening.

MINOR RUN ON COLONY'S BANKS

THE SIGHT OF A LARGE CROWD OF SMALL DEPOSITORS PUSHING THEIR WAY ABOUT THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK QUEEN'S ROAD ENTRANCE THIS AFTERNOON GAVE RISE TO RUMOURS THAT, OWING TO THE "RUN," THE BANK HAD CLOSED ITS DOORS FOR THE DAY.

As usual with rumours, it was absurdly false.

Entrance to the main banking hall and other offices could be obtained quite easily through the Des Voeux Road entrance. Savings bank depositors, however, were required to use the Queen's Road entrance.

The chief accountant of the bank told the "China Mail" that owing to the large number of people wishing to draw out their savings bank deposits, it was necessary for the doors into the main hall to be locked, while the doors leading into Queen's Road were guarded by seven or eight watchmen.

Depositors were let through the door in batches of 20, and this immediately had the effect of relieving the pressure inside, although occasionally the crowds outside grew impatient and there were quite a few scuffles and scrambles.

The chief accountant emphasised that this was a measure taken solely to control the large crowds.

Similar scenes were witnessed at other foreign banks.

The Bank of East Asia was thronged this morning with people withdrawing their savings. The situation this afternoon, however, eased when the number of people decreased considerably.

The Bank of Communications, the Bank of China, the Bank of Canton, the National Commercial and Savings Bank, and other Chinese banks were also affected.

Many withdrew their savings this morning but the pressure lessened this afternoon.

REWARD OFFERED

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the Hong Kong Police for the arrest and conviction of the assailant who shot and killed Shum Shung, nephew of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, expelled Kuomintang leader.

The murder occurred at about 9 p.m. last Tuesday near the "China Mail" offices in Wyndham Street.

The funeral takes place this afternoon.

ITALIAN LINERS HELD BACK

Rome, To-day.

The Italian liners, "Conti Di Savoia" and "Augustus," which were to leave Genoa yesterday for North and South America, respectively, postponed their departure.—Trans-Ocean.

RECALLED TO PALESTINE

London, To-day.

Sir H. A. MacMichael, High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief in Palestine, is on his way back to Jerusalem, where he is expected to-day.

All other high officials of the Palestine administration who are on leave have been instructed to return immediately.—Trans-Ocean.

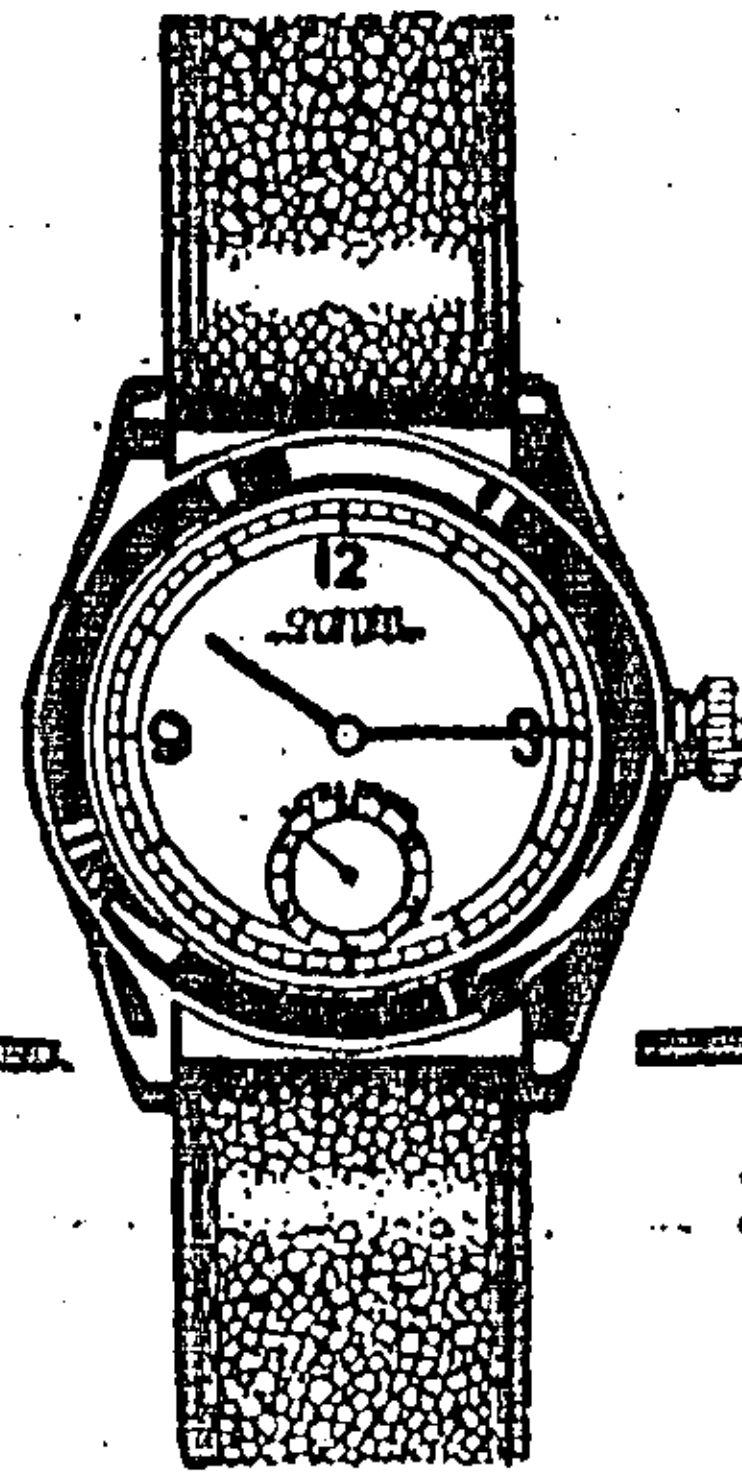
BIRMINGHAM SAILS

H.M.S. Birmingham, cruiser, which arrived from Aden yesterday afternoon, sailed during the noon period, bound officially for an unknown destination. No details of the movements of His Majesty's ships are being issued during the present tension, the naval spokesman informed the "China Mail".

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Berlin, To-day.
The British Prime Minister's "attempt to put the responsibility for a German-Polish conflict on the Reich" in the House of Commons is sharply rejected by the organ of the German Foreign Office, "Deutsche Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz."

Regarding Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the Poles had always been willing to negotiate with Germany, the paper says that Britain knew as well as Germany that the Poles' willingness to negotiate had, in fact, been an absolute refusal ever to acquiesce in the reincorporation of Danzig in the Reich and the threat that any attempt to infringe on Polish rights would lead to war.

What the British Prime Minister called "international order," for which Britain was determined to fight, was in fact disorder and a maze of injustices.

"If Chamberlain," the paper goes on to say, "describes the dictate of Versailles as international law, the preservation of which 'order' is demanded by good-will, he could not expect that the German people and number of other peoples as well are able to follow such argumentation."

The German people, the paper concludes, will never forget that Britain planned to suppress Germany by the force of an overwhelming combination of powers so as to make its existence dependent on the mercy of others.—Trans-Ocean.

Paris, To-day.

The French Government has decided to recall the French military mission to Moscow, "Le Matin" reports this morning.

The paper, which is the only one to publish the news, does not comment on the government's decision.

The paper enjoys the reputation of being usually well-informed in military matters.

No official confirmation is forthcoming.—Trans-Ocean.

Milan, To-day.

President Roosevelt's message to the King of Italy was given only ten lines in a corner of the Italian newspapers to-day.

The "Ponola D'Italia" remarks that a critical hour finds Roosevelt appealing to Italy. The attitude adopted is cool and critical.

On the Chamberlain speech, the paper says that it brings nothing new. He should have reminded Poland of its duty.

Britain's real interest lies in helping to bring about a just and equitable peace repairing the injustices done to Italy and Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.

Captain Davidson and Captain Callan, of the British military mission, have arrived in London by air.

It is reported that the others are expected to leave to-day.—Trans-Ocean.